

2022 Swimming WA Awards of Excellence Awards Criteria

4th March 2022

1. Sir Frank Beaurepaire Trophy

The Sir Frank Beaurepaire Trophy awards the Western Australian resident swimmer who has the highest world ranking as of 30 September each year.

The selection for this award will be taken from the FINA, IPC and S14 world rankings. Events eligible for consideration include long course Olympic or Paralympic events only or Olympic distance open water event.

In the case of a tie, joint winners are permissible.

Top four swimmers to be shortlisted.

2. Swimming WA Patron's Trophy

The Swimming WA Patron's Trophy is awarded to an outstanding West Australian pool or open water swimmer for their performance both in and out of competition, at the benchmark international competitions; the Olympics, World Championships or Pan Pacific Swimming Championships.

To be eligible for consideration for this Award, swimmers must have won a medal at one of these events.

Should no West Australian swimmer win a medal at these events, however have received a medal at the Commonwealth Games or World Short Course Championships, they can be eligible for consideration for the Award.

Top four swimmers to be shortlisted.

3. ASCTA (WA) Development Coach of the Year

The ASCTA (WA) Development Coach of the Year is presented to a talented, emerging coach who has demonstrated an ability to coach at high level across a range of abilities and ages, with a clear vision that reflects a journey towards excellence in all areas of coaching.

Each Swimming WA affiliated Club is required to submit a nomination for a coach within their Club that best deserves this award.

Nominations will be presented to the ASCTA(WA) committee with the top four coaches being shortlisted.

4. Technical Official of the Year

The Technical Official of the Year is awarded to a Swimming WA Technical Official who has attained a level of excellence in the field of officiating.

The following criteria is used to determine Technical Officials who will be considered for the award:

- Contribution to the sport of swimming in WA;
- Contribution to the development of WA Technical Officials which includes;
- Officiating achievements attained over the defined period;
- Alignment with Swimming WA values.

Each Swimming WA affiliated Club is required to submit a nomination for an official within their Club that best deserves this award.

Nominations will be presented to the TEO committee with the top four officials being shortlisted.

5. Volunteer of the Year

The Volunteer of the Year is awarded to an individual who has displayed an outstanding level of volunteer commitment and contribution to the sport of swimming in WA.

The following criteria for Volunteer of the Year to be considered for the award:

- Contribution at Club, Regional and State level;
- Overall contribution to the sport of swimming in WA;
- Volunteering achievements attained within the swimming community;
- Alignment with Swimming WA values.

Each Swimming WA affiliated Club is required to submit a nomination for a volunteer within their Club that best deserves this award.

Nominations will be presented to the H&A committee with the top four volunteers being shortlisted.

6. Club of the Year – Metropolitan & Regional

The Club of the Year is awarded to a Club who has displayed an outstanding level of engagement within the community across multiple levels.

The following criteria for Club of the Year to be considered for the award:

- Strategic partnerships;
- Club governance
- Development
- Performance
- Profile
- Inclusion
- Club Culture
- Finance

Each Swimming WA affiliated Club is required to submit a nomination for their Club.

Nominations will be presented to the H&A committee with the top four Clubs (both metropolitan and regional) being shortlisted.

7. Ben Beale Memorial Award

The Ben Beale Memorial Award has been established to celebrate and recognise those ‘champions’ of the SWA Club environment. This perpetual award will annually celebrate the ‘Best Club person’ (must be a current athlete) within a Swimming WA Club.

The Award is designed to further the winner’s leadership skills and experience, with the objective that they will not only stay in the sport longer term, but will also contribute to their Club in a meaningful manner, well beyond their days as an athlete.

The Ben Beale Memorial Award will be awarded to a Club person who:

- Demonstrates leadership “in and out of the water”;
- Regularly sets a high standard of behaviour at training, competitions, Club events;
- Assists the Coach in building a positive camaraderie and a ‘sense of ‘team’ ;
- Exhibits the values and spirit of Swimming WA
- Volunteers to take on roles within the Club throughout the year.

Each Swimming WA affiliated Club is required to submit a nomination for a swimmer within their Club that best deserves this award.

Nominations will be presented to the H&A committee with the top four swimmers being shortlisted. To read more on the award, [click here](#).

8. Age Swimmer of the Year

The Age Swimmer of the Year is awarded to the resident Western Australian swimmer, substantively aged between 13 years to 16 years for girls and 14 years to 18 years for boys who returns the most outstanding performance during the defined period.

The following points system will apply to determine the award winner:

- 1 Point - 3rd most points scored at Hancock Prospecting WA LC Champs
- 2 Points – 2nd most points scored at Hancock Prospecting WA LC Champs
- 3 Points – Most points scored at [Hancock Prospecting WA LC Champs](#)
- 4 Points - 3rd highest point scorer for the Bob Bestman Trophy
- 5 Points - 2nd highest point scorer for the Bob Bestman Trophy
- 6 Points - Highest point scorer for the [Bob Bestman Trophy Championships](#)
- 7 Points – Selected to represent Australia on junior team / National Age Record
- 8 Points – Individual medal at junior benchmark meet (i.e. Junior World Champs)
- 9 Points – Selected to represent Australia on senior team
- 10 Points – Individual medal at an international benchmark meet (i.e. Olympics)

Top four swimmers to be shortlisted.

9. Swimming WA President's Award

This award is presented to the Swimming WA member who has contributed to the sport of Swimming and is at the discretion of the Swimming WA President.

10. Swimmers' Swimmer of the Year Award

This Award is a peer selected award by swimmers aged 16 years and over for that season in a 3,2,1 voting system. Eight (8) athletes will be eligible for votes, to be determined by the Athlete Advisory Group.

11. Coach of the Year

The Coach of the Year is awarded to a resident Western Australian coach, who returns the most outstanding results during the defined period.

The following criteria will apply to coaches to be considered for the award.

- 1 Point – Finalist at peak long course selection meet
- 2 Points – Medallist at peak long course selection meet
- 3 Points – Gold medallist at peak long course selection meet
- 4 Points - Highest point scorer for the [Coach of the Meet Trophy](#)
- 5 Points – Athlete selected to represent Australia on Junior Team
- 6 Points – Athlete selected to represent Australia on development team
- 7 Points – Athlete selected to represent Australia on senior team at international meet (i.e. Short Course World Championships)
- 8 Points – Athlete selected to represent Australia on senior team at international benchmark meet (i.e. Olympics)
- 9 Points – Athlete wins relay medal at an international benchmark meet / Australian Open Record
- 10 Points – Athlete wins individual medal at an international benchmark meet
- 20 Points – Athlete wins individual gold medal at an international benchmark meet / Individual world record

The nominee must have primarily coached the swimmer for no less than six months before the performance being considered.

Multiple achievements will tally points; however, it will be limited to one record per event per season.

Top four coaches to be shortlisted.

12. Elizabeth Edmondson Swimmer of the Year

The Elizabeth Edmondson Swimmer of the Year is awarded to the resident Western Australian para-swimmer who returns the most outstanding performance during the defined period.

The following points system will apply to determine the award winner:

- 1 Point – 3rd points scored at Hancock Prospecting WA LC Champs
- 2 Points – 2nd most points scored at Hancock Prospecting WA LC Champs
- 3 Points – Most points scored at [Hancock Prospecting WA LC Champs](#)
- 4 Points – Selected into Australia junior development squad
- 5 Points – 3rd highest point scorer for the Hancock Prospecting Perpetual Trophy
- 6 Points – 2nd highest point scorer for the Hancock Prospecting Perpetual Trophy
- 7 Points – Highest point scorer for the [Hancock Prospecting Perpetual Trophy](#)
- 8 Points – Selected to represent Australia on senior team at benchmark meet / Australian Open Record
- 9 Points – Individual medal at an international benchmark meet (i.e. Paralympics)
- 10 Points – Individual gold medal at an international benchmark meet (i.e. Paralympics) / World Record

Multiple achievements will tally points; however, it will be limited to one record per event per season.

Top four swimmers to be shortlisted.

13. Shelley Taylor-Smith Swimmer of the Year

The Shelley Taylor-Smith Swimmer of the Year is awarded to the resident Western Australian swimmer who returns the most outstanding performances during the defined period.

The following points system will apply to determine the award winner:

- 1 Point - 3rd WA Resident in the 10km Open Water State Championships
- 2 Points - 2nd WA Resident in the 10km Open Water State Championships
- 3 Points - 1st WA Resident in the 10km Open Water State Championships / 3rd point scorer for Open Water Swimmer of the Meet
- 4 Points – 2nd point scorer for Open Water Swimmer of the Meet / National Junior Team / World Cup Finish (10km)
- 5 Points – Highest point scorer for [Open Water Swimmer of the Meet](#) / National Development Team / World Cup Top 20 (10km)
- 6 Points – National Senior Team / World Cup Top 10 (10km)
- 7 Points - Finisher Benchmark Meet / World Cup Medal
- 8 Points - Top 10 Benchmark Meet 10km
- 9 Points - Medal Benchmark Meet 10km
- 10 Points - Champion Benchmark Meet 10km

Swimmers must be representing Australia to be eligible for the award. Criteria based from start of Swimming WA Open Water Series.

Top four swimmers to be shortlisted.

14. Lyn McClements Swimmer of the Year

The Lyn McClements Swimmer of the Year is awarded to the resident Western Australian able-bodied pool swimmer who returns the most outstanding performances during the defined period.

- 1 Point – 3rd highest point scorer for the Old Court Cup
- 2 Points – 2nd highest point scorer for the Old Court Cup
- 3 Points – Finalist at peak long course selection meet / [highest point scorer for the Old Court Cup](#)
- 4 Points – Medallist at peak long course selection meet
- 5 Points – Gold medallist at peak long course selection meet
- 6 Points – Highest point scorer for the [Hancock Prospecting Perpetual Trophy](#)
- 7 Points – Selected to represent Australia on senior team at international meet (i.e. Short Course World Championships)
- 8 Points – Selected to represent Australia on senior team at international benchmark meet (i.e. Olympics)
- 9 Points – Relay medal at an international benchmark meet / Australian Open Record
- 9 Points – Individual medal at an international benchmark meet / Relay World Record
- 10 Points – Individual gold medal at an international benchmark meet / Individual world record