**Policy & Procedures Manual**

**Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.**

# Policy 26: LSC Recognition

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***Scope:****. The purpose of this policy is to recognize outstanding performance by Wisconsin Swimming athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers. In the absence of a qualified candidate, an award may not be given annually.*

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* 1. **Athlete and Coach Award Recognitions**
		1. Athlete of the Year
			1. Long Course Age Group Female and Male Swimmer of the Year
			2. Long Course Senior Female and Male Swimmer of the Year
			3. Short Course Age Group Female and Male Swimmer of the Year
			4. Short Course Senior Female and Male Swimmer of the Year
			5. Short Course Female and Male Breakout Swimmer of the Year
			6. Disability Swimmer of the Year
			7. Female and Male Sportsmanship Award
		2. Short Course IMX Individual High Point Champion
			1. An award will be presented to each overall individual IMX high point winner from the previous short course season.
			2. Age categories shall be: 9-Under, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18.
			3. Recipients shall be notified by the Coach~~es~~ Representative(s).
		3. Coach of the Year
			1. Long Course Age Group Coach of the Year
			2. Long Course Senior Coach of the Year
			3. Short Course Age Group Coach of the Year
			4. Short Course Senior Coach of the Year
			5. Disability Coach of the Year
		4. Nomination Process
			1. Automatic Nominations
				1. Athlete automatic nominations for Swimmer of the Year will be earned by achieving one of the following: Individual NAG Top 10 Finisher, State Record Holder, Second Swim at a Level 3 meet or higher on the WI Swimming list of travel fund meets, Top 8 at a Level 2 meet on the WI Swimming list of travel fund meets, Zones Finalist (3rd place or better), Zones High Point Top Three, WI State High Point winner.
				2. Coach automatic nominations for Coach of the Year will be earned by achieving one of the following: Individual or Relay NAG Top 10 Finisher, State Record Holder, Second Swim at a Level 3 meet or higher on the WI Swimming list of travel fund meets, direct coach of Age Group team winners (10 and Under, 11-12 13-14, 15-16; 17 and Over of each gender).
			2. Disability Swimmers/Coaches
				1. The Disability Chair will nominate eligible para swimmers/coaches.
				2. Disability awards may be conveyed, with a maximum of one award conveyed annually, which may encompass either a coach or an athlete.
			3. Write-In Candidates
				1. Write-In nominations of candidates will be accepted through 11:59:59 pm on March15th
			4. Finalists
				1. The Except for the Female and Male Sportsmanship Award, the Technical Planning Committee will limit each pool of candidates to five finalists before April 1st.
				2. Finalists will be notified by Coach~~es~~ Representative(s) and will be invited to the awards banquet.
		5. Voting Process
			1. Voting for all Athlete and Coach awards occurs at the Annual Meeting in the spring.
			2. Female and Male Sportsmanship Award, Age Group Female and Male as well as Senior Female and Male Athletes of the Year shall be voted on by the eligible Athlete Representatives only.
			3. All Athlete, and Coach awards in Section 26.1, and the ConocoPhillips 66 Outstanding Service Award in Section 26.4shall be voted on by the registered Club Voting Delegates and Athlete Voting Delegates present.

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* 1. **Virtual Club Championship Team Award**
		1. A banner will be presented to the club with the highest VCC score from the previous short course and long course seasons.
			1. Recipients shall be notified by the Coaches Representative(s).
	2. **Officials’ Recognition Awards**
		1. Officials of the Year
			1. Starter/Referee of the Year
			2. Stroke and Turn of the Year
			3. Lifetime Achievement Award
			4. See the “Officials of the Year Awards” policy located on the Wisconsin Swimming Officials web page for details of the nomination and selection processes.
		2. New Officials Recognition Program
			1. Newly certified Stroke/Turn Officials:
				1. Officials polo and name badge
			2. Newly certified Starter/Referee Officials
				1. Whistle/lanyard and brass bell

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* 1. **ConocoPhillips 66 Outstanding Service Award**
		+ 1. Information will be sent to LSC members by the Administrative Manager after January 1st, with nominations accepted through March 15th.Voting shall occur at the Annual Meeting in the spring.

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* 1. **USA Swimming Life Member Award**
		+ 1. Nominations may be made by any LSC member and submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration.

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* 1. **Awards in Development**
		+ 1. LSC Hall of Fame

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