

These MDSI Sponsored Member Recognition Awards are to be presented annually to its athletes, coaches, volunteers and teams.

In any given year, if there is no qualified recipient, an award does not have to be presented.

Selections shall be made by the MDSI Awards Committee, unless otherwise noted, and the honoree(s) shall receive an award to keep.

Athletes:

All Honorees must have been Year-Round Swimmers registered with MDSI, only, no later than the previous October 1 of the award year.

Swimmers of the Year – Performance Based Award

The following criteria is used in determining the Swimmers of the year:

1. USA Swimming SCY Top 10 List
2. USA Swimming LCM Top 10 List
3. MDSI SCY Top 10 List
4. MDSI LCM Top 10 List
5. MDSI Senior Championship Results (where applicable)
6. MDSI 14 & Under Championship Results (where applicable)
7. MDSI long Course Championship Results
8. State or NAG Records achieved
9. Sectionals, Juniors, Nationals, Olympic Trials participation and placement
10. FINA Power Point rankings for Senior Swimmers may be used
11. Any other data related to swimmer performance if needed to declare a recipient
12. Awards are given for 10 & U, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18 and OPEN age group categories, both Male & Female

Duplicate Awards may be given in the same age category in the event of a tie.

Points are maintained by the Age Group Chair and approved by the Coaches Committee.

Breakout Swimmer of the Year

Presented to a male or female swimmer who has not previously competed at the National level, and made the biggest performance leap to the national Level during the award year.

FINA Power Points are used to calculate the recipient

Comeback Swimmer of the Year

Presented to a male or female swimmer who has shown exceptional determination to continue swimming after a major setback in their lives or their swimming career.

Nominations shall be submitted by the nominee's Coach.

Open Water Swimmer of the Year

Presented to a male or female swimmer based on participation and placement in a Zone, Sectional or National Level Meet.

Jaelyn Rose Willey Memorial Award

Jaelynn, a victim of school gun violence, was described by her friends and teammates as humble and kind, always smiling, positive, hard-working, a supportive teammate and friend, and an amazing swimmer. Her coaches described Jaelynn as hard-working, teachable, and always willing to listen and try in practice.

This award will be presented to a high school junior or senior competing in either of the Maryland Swimming Junior Champs meets each spring. The winner should exhibit the qualities described above.

Nominations shall be submitted to the Awards Committee by the nominee's Coach. Recipient shall be selected by the Awards Committee.

Coaches:

All Honorees must have been registered as a certified coach member of MDSI, only, no later than the previous October 1 of the award year

Senior Age Group Coach(es) of the Year

Fina Power Points and LSC rankings are used for this award

Presented to a Club's Senior Program Coaches

Nominations made by, and recipient selected by, MDSI Coaches Committee

Tom Himes Age Group Coach(es) of the Year

MDSI Top 10, IMX, IMR and State Championship participation and placement are considered for this award.

Presented to a Club's Age Group Program Coaches

Nominations made by, and recipient selected by, MDSI Coaches Committee

Tim Pierce Excellence in Coaching Coach of the Year (New for 2021)

Presented to an MDSI registered certified coach for their extraordinary contributions to coaching in MDSI.

- Nominations will be accepted each year at any time.
- The MD Swimming Coach Representative will convene a panel of 2-3 coaches each year to evaluate nominations and determine if a coach is deserving of the award that particular year.
- This panel may also nominate coaches for the award.
- This will only be awarded in years when a coach is clearly deserving.
- The award may be given at any point during a season.
- Multiple coaches may win the award in the same year.

Open Water Coach of the Year

Presented to the MDSI Registered Certified Coach who has best help advance the sport of MDSI Open Water Swimming within the award year.

Nominations made by, and recipient selected by, MDSI Coaches Committee.

Senior Coaching Achievement Awards

Monetary Awards presented to registered MDSI certified coaches based on the accomplishments of their swimmers of record.

Coaches must be the coach of record, for swimmers who achieve the standards from September 1 – August 31 of any given year.

There are 3 Levels of Awards: Gold, Silver and Bronze. Each level has 4 qualifying options. A swimmer has to have achieved 1 of the 4 for the coach to qualify.

Awards are based on the highest level achieved.

Submission is by electronic form sent to the Technical Planning Chair for verification and approval is by the Coaches Committee.

Coaches who receive a Gold Achievement Award, Senior and/or Age group, for five consecutive years will be recognized as a Platinum Award Winner,

GOLD AWARD:

- * One Olympic Trial Qualifier (ALL Ages)
- * One USA Swimming Senior National Qualifier (All Ages)
- * One USA Swimming National Age Group Record (13 & Over Swimmers)
- * One USA Swimming Final Top 10 #1 - #5 Ranking (13 & Over Swimmers)

SILVER AWARD:

- * One USA Swimming Junior National Qualifier (All Ages)
- * One Maryland LSC Area or Resident Record (13 & Over Swimmers)
- * One USA Swimming Final Top 10 #6 - #10 Ranking (13 & Over Swimmers)
- * Five Future Qualifiers (All Ages)

BRONZE AWARD

- * One USA Swimming Futures Meet Qualifier (All Ages)
- * Five Eastern Zone Summer Sectional Qualifiers (All Ages)
- * Two Maryland LSC SCY or LCM Champs Individual Event Champions (See Note)

NOTE: MD LSC SR SCY Champs (All Ages)

MD LSC LCM Champs (Open and 15 & Over event swimmers)

Age Group Coaching Achievement Awards

Monetary Awards presented to registered MDSI certified coaches based on the accomplishments of their swimmers of record.

Coaches must be the coach of record, for swimmers who achieve the standards from September 1 – August 31 of any given year.

There are 3 Levels of Awards: Gold, Silver and Bronze. Each level has 4 qualifying options. A swimmer has to have achieved 1 of the 4 for the coach to qualify.

Awards are based on the highest level achieved.

Submission is by electronic form sent to the Technical Planning Chair for verification and approval is by the Coaches Committee.

GOLD AWARD:

- * One USA Swimming National Age Group Record (12 & Under Swimmers)
- * One USA Swimming Final Top 10 #1 - #5 Ranking (11 - 12 Swimmers)
- * One MD LSC Area or Resident Record (9 – 12 Swimmers)
- * Ten Swimmers with USA Swimming AAAA Times (All Ages)

SILVER AWARD

- * One MD LSC Area or Resident Record (8 & U Swimmers)
- * One USA Swimming Final Top 10 #6 - #10 Ranking (11 - 12 swimmers)

* Three (Swimmers) MD LSC SCY or LCM Champs Ind. Event Champs (14 & U)

NOTE: SCY 14 & U Champs & MD LSC LCM Champs

* Five Swimmers with USA Swimming AAAA Times (All Ages)

GROUP AWARD

* One MD LSC Top 10 #1 Ranking (All Ages)

NOTE: Must be a USA Swimming AAAA Time.

Must be a MD LSC SCY/LCM Championship Event.

* Two Swimmers with USA Swimming AAAA Times (All Ages)

* One MD LSC SCY or LCM Champs Individual Event Champion (see note)

NOTE: SCY 14 & U Champs (14 & U swimmers)

MD LSC LCM Champs (14 & under events)

Volunteers:

All Honorees must have been registered as a certified member of MDSI, only, no later than the previous October 1 of the award year.

USA Swimming Outstanding LSC Service Award

This award is provided by USA swimming to honor a former volunteer who displayed a commitment to MDSI, its coaches and athletes, through their volunteer service to the LSC.

Nominations are accepted by the General Chair and the Board of Directors selects the recipient.

Recipient must have served their position for 4 consecutive years.

Recipient may not be a coach or an athlete.

General Chair's Outstanding Volunteer Awards

Presented to individuals who continuously exceeded expectations while providing superior service to the athletes, coaches and other volunteer members of MDSI.

Nominations submitted to, and recipients selected by, the General Chair with approval by the Board of Directors.

Recipient may not be a coach.

Jim Pusateri Outstanding Official Award

This award recognizes an individual who has had the greatest impact on Officiating in MDSI.

Recipient to be selected by the MDSI Official's Committee.

MDSI Sponsored Special Awards:

Lifetime USA Swimming Membership Award

Presented to any MDSI member who has contributed and provided exemplary service to the LSC over a period of 10 or more years.

A coach or volunteer is eligible.

Nominations can be made by any MDSI member and submitted to the General Chair.

Selection of the recipient shall be made by the MDSI Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors may waive the years of service requirement for an exceptional candidate.

MDSI Hall of Fame

MDSI inducts former athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers into the MDSI Hall of Fame

Induction is celebrated with a ceremony and dinner or lunch, a Hall of Fame Bowl.

HONOR SWIMMER

USA Swimming registered in Maryland Swimming for three or more seasons. A nominated swimmer shall be retired from swimming for at least two years.

Selection is based on the following:

World Record(s); Olympic Medals(s); American Record(s); Olympic participation; National Senior Titles; NCAA careers after MD. Career based on order as above National Senior Placement; National Age Group/Junior National long standing milestones coupled with contribution and leadership as swimmer and contributor.

HONOR TEAM

Significant group contributions helping to set a model for Maryland Swimming in a particular period.

Selection is based on the following:

National Senior Team Titles; National Junior Team Titles; National Collegiate Team Titles; National Secondary School Team Titles; National YMCA Titles; Span of local team dominance in any of the above categories

HONOR COACH

A coach should have a significant record and participated in swimming not less than twenty years. Milestones, innovations and multiple swimmer, team or instructional contributions.

Selection is based on the following:

Number of swimmers with Hall of Fame credentials; Coached swimmers for three years or more; Number of teams with Hall of Fame credentials; Number of all-American NCAA I school

HONOR CONTRIBUTOR

Swimming official, administrator and media whose sacrifice and time are worthy of acclaim. An innovative leader in the organization of swimming and no less than twenty years of contributions to Maryland Swimming.

Selection is based on the following:

National level administration at USA Swimming; Innovations which raise all swimming i.e., introducing electronic timing, administrative reforms or program development in Maryland Swimming; Local level leadership in Maryland Swimming; Instructional and out-reach activities that benefit Maryland Swimming; Long standing professional or financial contributions to the Maryland and/or USA Swimming

Nominations submitted to, and recipients selected by, the Hall of Fame Committee

MDSI USA Service Medal

The Maryland Swimming Service Medal was created to honor the men and women of Maryland Swimming who have joined the military of the United States since 1980. The awarding of the medal takes place during the induction ceremony into the Maryland Swimming Hall of Fame. Honorees receive a medal and Maryland Swimming makes a contribution to one of three charities of the recipient's choosing in their name - the USO, Homes for Our Troops, or Fallen Patriots.

Nominations submitted to, and recipients selected by, the Hall of Fame Committee

Diversity and Acceptance Encouragement Award:

Presented to a Club, Organization or Individual that encourages Diversity and Acceptance.

Nominations submitted to, and recipient selected by, the MDSI DEI Committee.

Club Performance Awards

Monetary Awards presented to MDSI Clubs, for their swimmers who have achieved qualifying times for post season meets for either/or the SCY Season and for LCM Season.

Submission is by electronic form and is submitted for approval to the LSC Technical Planning Chair and the Coaches Committee.

7.2 **MDSI** annually recognizes these achievements by athletes, coaches and volunteers. Except where noted, recognition is through featured postings on the MDSI Website and on Social Media.

Olympic Trials Qualifiers

Nationals Qualifiers

Scholastic All-Americans

MDSI Scholarship Program Winners

SCY and LCM TOP 10 for the Year

AAAA Times – Swim Bag Tags awarded

State Record Holders – Certificates and Swim Bag Tags Awarded

Club Excellence Achievement

Club Development Achievement

Safe Sport Recognized Club Achievement

Coach Tenure with USA Swimming – Certificates awarded

