

SECTION XII

AWARDS AND BANQUET

A. Awards and Banquet

1. There shall be an annual dinner at which the following awards shall be presented:
 - a. The Outstanding Male and Female athlete in each age-group (10 and Under, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17) from the selection criteria provided in Section XII 3 separately for short and long course achievements.
 - b. The Outstanding Senior Male and Female Athletes as determined in accordance with the provisions of Section XII 4.
 - c. The Male and Female Race of the Year (Age-Group and Senior)
 - d. The Male and Female Relay of the Year (10&Under, 11-12, 13-14, 15-18)
 - e. Coach of the Year (Age-Group and Senior)
 - f. Impact Award
2. The Outstanding age-group and senior athletes shall be selected based on their swims completed between September 1 of the previous year and August 31 of the year in which the banquet is being held.
3. The selection criteria for the age group awards are:
 - a. National Record – 100 points
 - b. Pacific Swimming Record – 50 points
 - c. National Top 10 Rankings – each placing
 - 1st – 10 points
 - 2nd – 9 points
 - 3rd – 8 points
 - 4th – 7 points
 - 5th – 6 points
 - 6th – 5 points
 - 7th – 4 points
 - 8th – 3 points
 - 9th – 2 points
 - 10th – 1 point
 - d. If, after determining the point total from a-c, above, it is not possible to make a final selection, each placing in the Pacific Swimming Top 10 Rankings (in each event) shall be used to assist in the selection, 10 points for 1st through 1 point for 10th.
4. Pacific Swimming shall award-“Outstanding Senior Male and Female” awards each year — one award to a pre-college male and female. Each award shall be based on total points scored at the National-level

Championship Meets as approved by the Board of Directors. Total points scored at Junior Nationals shall be multiplied by 0.5 in order to weigh points scored at the highest level National Championship meet higher. The tie breaker shall go to the athlete with the highest World Ranking in any event, or the highest combination of World Rankings, if necessary. If there are no scores kept (i.e. Olympic Trials or Top 24 placing) then the highest combined finishes shall be used with the lowest total winning. Note: this formula shall weigh the swimmer with two Top 8 and one Top 16 placing higher than a swimmer who wins one event, but fails to swim other events.

The intent is to award athletes who have spent all or much of their career with Pacific Swimming. Collegiate and/or Post-Collegiate Athletes are not eligible for these awards.

5. The Male and Female Race of the Year for both Age-Group and Senior athletes shall be selected based on the following criteria:
 - a. The Awards Banquet Committee, comprised of a Pacific Swimming Staff member, the Age-Group Chair, Senior Chair, Age-Group and Senior Coach Representatives, the Program Development Vice Chair, and one (1) Athlete Representative, shall select 5 finalists for the Male and Female Age-Group, Male and Female Senior Race of the Year based on highest nationally-ranked swims beginning September 1 and ending August 31 of the current season.
 - (1) Approximately 45 days before banquet, the finalists for each Race of the Year category shall be announced on the Pacific Swimming website.
 - (2) The general public shall have approximately 20 days to vote.
 - (3) Based on the results of the vote, the finalists shall receive the following points:
 - 1st – 5 points
 - 2nd – 4 points
 - 3rd – 3 points
 - 4th – 2 points
 - 5th – 1 point
 - (4) All individual members of the Awards Banquet Committee shall also rank all 5 finalists 1st through 5th. 1st being their top vote, 2nd being what they perceive as the second best race and so forth. Based on their ranking, a finalist shall receive the following points:
 - 1st – 5 points
 - 2nd – 4 points
 - 3rd – 3 points
 - 4th – 2 points
 - 5th – 1 point
 - (5) All points for each finalist shall be added together, the finalist with the most points winning the award.
 - b. For a Senior athlete to be eligible for the Senior Race of the Year award, the nominee has to have spent all or much of their career with Pacific Swimming. Collegiate and/or Post-Collegiate Athletes are not eligible for these awards

6. The Male and Female Relay of the Year nominees will be selected based on the top relays beginning September 1 and ending August 31 of the current season in the following categories:

| 10 & Under (4 Nominees) | 11-12 (8 Nominees) | 13-14 (10 Nominees) | 15-18 (10 Nominees) |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 200 SCY Free | 200 SCY Free | 200 SCY Free | 200 SCY Free |
| 200 SCY Medley | 200 SCY Medley | 200 SCY Medley | 200 SCY Medley |
| 200 LCM Free | 400 SCY Free | 400 SCY Free | 400 SCY Free |
| 200 LCM Medley | 400 SCY Medley | 400 SCY Medley | 400 SCY Medley |
| <i>(could possibly consider</i> | 200 LCM Free | 800 SCY Free | 800 SCY Free |
| <i>All-Star Relay)</i> | 200 LCM Medley | 200 LCM Free | 200 LCM Free |
| | 400 LCM Free | 200 LCM Medley | 200 LCM Medley |
| | 400 LCM Medley | 400 LCM Free | 400 LCM Free |
| | <i>(could possibly consider</i> | 400 LCM Medley | 400 LCM Medley |
| | <i>All-Star Relay)</i> | 800 LCM Free | 800 LCM Free |

7. The Age-Group AND Senior Coach of the Year shall be selected based on the following criteria:
- a. A nominating committee, headed by the Age-Group and Senior Coaches Representatives, shall select nominees for both the Age-Group and Senior awards.
 - b. Nominees shall be sent out to all Pacific Swimming coaches to vote on.
 - c. Nominee in each coaching category with the most votes wins the Coach of the Year award.
8. The IMPACT Award shall be given to the athlete that has made an impact not only in the sport of swimming (whether through achievement or inspiration), but also made an impact on their school and community as a whole.
- a. Selection shall be made by using the same criteria mapped out in Section XII 5.
9. The cost of a meal at the Pacific Swimming Awards banquet shall be paid as follows:
- a. Pacific Swimming shall pay 100% of the meal for honored members of Pacific Swimming:
 - (1) All award recipients for Outstanding Age-Group athletes.
 - (2) All finalists for Outstanding Senior athlete
 - (3) All finalists for the Age-Group and Senior Race of the Year awards
 - (4) All finalists for the Age-Group and Senior Relay of the Year awards
 - (5) All finalists for the IMPACT award
 - (6) All finalists for the Age-Group and Senior Coach of Year award
 - (7) Invited speakers or guests of Pacific Swimming approved by the General Chair and Treasurer
 - (8) Members of Pacific Swimming's Board of Directors and Pacific Swimming's staff working before or during the event

- b. All other banquet attendees shall be charged as follows:
 - (1) Adults (19 and Over): \$32.00
 - (2) Children (7-18 years): \$22.00
- 10. Pacific Swimming shall award an Outstanding Disability Athlete Award to one disabled athlete when elite achievements are attained. Nominations submitted by a coach or club board president will be considered by the Awards Committee and the committee will determine if an athlete is eligible for an award.
 - a. Athletes with Physical Disabilities or Vision Loss
 - (1) Elite Achievements:
 - i. Paralympic Games, 100 points, podium, 50 points
 - ii. International Paralympic Committee (IPC) World Championships, 50 points, podium, 30 points
 - iii. Parapan American Games, 30 points, podium, 10 points
 - iv. U.S. Paralympics CanAm meets or U.S. Paralympic Team Trials, 10 points
 - b. Athletes Who are Deaf
 - (1) Elite Achievements:
 - i. Deaflympics, 100 points, Podium, 50 points
 - ii. World Games for the Deaf, 50 points, podium, 30 points
 - c. Athletes with an Intellectual Disability
 - (1) Elite Achievements:
 - i. Paralympic Games, 100 points, podium, 50 points
 - ii. International Paralympic Committee (IPC) World Championships, 50 points, podium, 30 points
 - iii. INAS Global Games World Championships, 50 points, Podium, 30 points
 - iv. Parapan American Games, 30 points, podium, 10 points
 - v. U.S. Paralympics CanAm meets / Paralympic Team Trials, 10 points