

2606AG02 – Changes to Coach Awards

Motion to revise the Age Group and Senior Coach of the Year awards to add quantifiable nomination criteria taking effect for the 2027 PacSwim Awards Banquet.

Rationale: The Coach of the Year awards have been determined in many ways over the years and this is an attempt to return to a more quantifiable selection while still considering the overall contributions to the sport. This change will also allow for more Age Group level coaches to be recognized.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

SECTION XII

AWARDS AND BANQUET

A. Awards and Banquet

1.-6. [unaffected]

7. The ~~Age Group AND~~ Senior Coach of the Year nominees shall be selected based on the following criteria:

- a. Olympic and World Championship performances
- b. Number of athletes making the Olympic and World Championship team
- c. Number of athletes making other USA Swimming National Teams
- d. Number of athletes making the National Junior Team
- e. National meet individual and team performances
- f. Records:
 - (1) World
 - (2) National/US Open
 - (3) Junior National
 - (4) National Age Group 15-16, 17-18
 - (5) Pacific Swimming Senior 15-16, 17-18
- g. Junior National individual and team performances
- h. Futures, Sectionals individual and team performances
- i. National Age Group rankings 15-16, 17-18
- j. Consideration may also be given to post-graduate performances if athletes are training with a Pacific Swimming club, rate of improvement for Senior athletes within a club and significant contributions to the sport of swimming, the Pacific Swimming community and/or the USA Swimming community.
- a-k. ~~A nominating committee, headed by the Age Group and Senior Coaches Representatives,~~ shall select nominees for both the Age Group and Senior awards Determination of eligible candidates shall be the responsibility of the Senior Coach Representative.

- ~~b.l. Nominees shall be sent out to all Pacific Swimming coaches to vote on. The winner shall be voted upon by the 5 Senior Zone Representatives or their designee, the Senior Committee Chair, the Senior Committee Athlete Representative, and the Senior Coach Representative.~~
- ~~c. Nominee in each coaching category with the most votes wins the Coach of the Year award.~~
- 8. The Age Group Coaching Staff of the Year shall be selected based on the following criteria:
 - a. USA Swimming's Virtual Club Championship scores
 - b. USA Swimming's Club Improvement Points
 - c. Records:
 - (1) National Age Group 10 & Under, 11-12, 13-14
 - (2) Pacific Swimming 10 & Under, 11-12, 13-14
 - d. National Age Group rankings 10 & Under, 11-12, 13-14
 - e. Consideration may also be given to rate of improvement for 14 & under athletes within a club and significant contributions to the sport of swimming, the Pacific Swimming community and/or the USA Swimming community.
 - f. Determination of eligible candidates shall be the responsibility of the Age Group Coach Representative.
 - g. Up to three winners shall be voted upon by the 5 Age Group Zone Representatives or their designee, the Age Group Committee Chair, the Age Group Committee Athlete Representative, and the Age Group Coach Representative.
 - h. One winner from each of the following club size categories, based on number of year-round registered athletes, may be awarded:
 - (1) 125 or fewer athletes
 - (2) 126 to 299 athletes
 - (3) 300 or more athletes
- 9.-11. [To be renumbered]