

2606AG01 – Changes to Athlete Awards

Motion to remove Race of the Year and Relay of the Year awards and add recognition of athletes who set Pacific Swimming records, USA Swimming records, and rank in the National Age Group top 10, starting at the 2026 PacSwim Awards Banquet.

Rationale: The Race of the Year and Relay of the Year awards are not quantified and are therefore not able to be judged or awarded in a meaningful way. Comparing races or relays from different meets and in different events and saying one is better than the others is not a realistic task. However, recognizing as many of our athletes and their accomplishments is the purpose of our awards ceremony, so this motion will allow us to increase the number of athletes that are awarded.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

SECTION XII

AWARDS AND BANQUET

A. Awards and Banquet

1. There may be an annual event at which the following awards shall be presented:
 - a. The Outstanding Male and Female athlete in each age-group (10 & Under, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17) from the selection criteria ~~provided in Section XII 3.~~ detailed below 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.~~ detailed below.
 - c. ~~The Male and Female Race of the Year (Age-Group and Senior)~~ Outstanding Performances as listed in the criteria detailed below.
 - d. ~~The Male and Female Relay of the Year (10 & Under, 11-12, 13-14, 15-18)~~
 - e-d. Coach of the Year (Age-Group and Senior)
 - f-e. ~~Impact Award~~ Outstanding Athlete Representative(s)
 - g f. The DDEI Impact Award is awarded to either an organization or individual that is making swimming more accessible to the communities within Pacific Swimming.
- 2.-4. [unchanged]
5. ~~The Male and Female Race of the Year for both Age-Group and Senior athletes shall be selected based on the following criteria:~~ The Outstanding Performance awards shall recognize the following athletes:
 - 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.~~

- a. Athletes who have broken Pacific Swimming records
- b. Athletes who have broken USA Swimming records
- c. Athletes who have a swim that is ranked in the National Age Group top 10
- d. Athletes who participated on the top 3-5 nationally ranked relay teams in each age group and gender.

(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.~~

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 |

- a. ~~The Awards Banquet Committee will select Male and Female Relay of the Year winners in each age group using the same voting and scoring process outlined above for Race of the Year awards.~~

7.-11. [to be renumbered]