

SWIMMING WAIKATO Awards Nomination Policy

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OBJECTIVE –

To ensure an accurate allocation of the following Swimming Waikato Awards which are decided by Swimming Waikato's Awards Panel –

- NZ Swimming Trust Emerging Swimmer of the Year
- Regional Swimmer of the Year (Winstone Challenge Shield)
- Club of the Year
- Club Coach of the Year
- Swimming Volunteer of the Year
- Life Membership
- Honours Award
- Service Award
- Merit Award

CRITERIA –

NZ Swimming Trust Emerging Swimmer of the Year – Awarded to an emerging (up and coming) swimmer who has excelled within the qualifying period. Nominees must be under the age of 19 as at 31 December in the year preceeding the award (ie. for the 2016 Awards, the swimmer must be under the age of 19 as at 31 December 2015), and not be a previous recipient of this award. The swimmer needs to belong to a Waikato Club and have competed in Waikato meets during the qualifying period (1 May to 30 April annually).

Regional Swimmer of the Year (Winstone Challenge Shield) – Awarded to a swimmer who has excelled in long and/or short course competition(s) in Waikato within the qualifying period (1 May to 30 April annually).

Club of the Year – Awarded to a Swimming Waikato affiliated swimming club that has had a significant positive impact on its swimmers, volunteers, coaches, administrators, supporters and its local community within the qualifying period (1 May to 30 April annually).

Club Coach of the Year – Awarded for outstanding contribution by a club coach within the qualifying period. The award will take into account swimming performances, broader services to the sport and the relationship with the club's and region's community (1 May to 30 April annually).

Swimming Volunteer of the Year – Awarded to a volunteer who has displayed an outstanding commitment and dedication to swimming within the qualifying period (1 May to 30 April annually).

Life Membership - Swimming Waikato may elect to award a Life Membership of Swim Waikato any person who in the opinion of Swimming Waikato has rendered conspicuous service over a long period of time.

A candidate for Life Membership may be nominated by Swimming Waikato or may be nominated by a club in writing to Swimming Waikato setting out fully the grounds on which such nomination is made. Election to Life Membership of Swimming Waikato may be made by the Board of Swimming Waikato and ratification of this award to be incorporated into the Annual General Meeting Minutes.

Honours Award - To be eligible for a Waikato Honours Award the holder must have served an additional five (5) years since receiving the Waikato Service Award.

Service Award - This award is to recognise service to swimming in the region for a period of approximately eight (8) years under similar criteria to the rules of SNZ.

Merit Award - For conspicuous service under the time frame required for a Service Award.

Additional information required to support the Life Membership, Honours, Service and Merit Awards –

- Length of service to club(s) within the boundaries of Swimming Waikato.
- Volunteer work carried out for Waikato clubs.
- Positions held within the Club environment.
- Technical official qualifications and work carried out.
- Any other relevant information.

POLICY -

1. The nomination period for the Awards will generally run from 1 May until 30 April the following year.
2. Each National Event must fall within the nomination period once. The National Events are –
 - NZ Short Course
 - NZ Juniors
 - Div II
 - NZ Opens
 - NAGs
 - NZ Open Water Champs
3. If a National Event is moved outside the nomination period, the period may be altered to one week after the last day of the event that is outside the nomination period.
4. Nominations will be sent to Swimming Waikato by the cut-off date detailed on the relevant nomination forms.
5. Nominations may be made by associated clubs under the jurisdiction of SW. The Awards Panel may take the initiative regarding Awards.
6. With regard to the Emerging Swimmer and Regional Swimmer Awards, Swimming Waikato will attach the relevant results from the national meets and forward them to the Awards Panel for consideration.
7. Swimming Waikato has the right to nominate additional candidates who they believe have the potential to be the recipient of these Awards but who have not been nominated by their respective Club(s).
8. Awards Panel recommendations to be presented to the Board of Swim Waikato, prior to presentation, for election of new Award holders following the favourable recommendations of the Awards Panel. Ratification of all new Award Holders to be incorporated into the Annual General Meeting minutes.