



## 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)
- Impact Club of the Year
- Performance Club of the Year
- Regional Squad Leadership Award
- 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 preceding 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* (Winston 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).

*Impact 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).



*Performance Club of the Year* – Awarded to the Swimming Waikato affiliated club with the highest combined club points at the New Zealand Championships, National Age Group Championships and National Short Course Championships that fall within the awards qualifying period (1 May to 30 April annually)

*Regional Squad Leadership Award* – Awarded to the Swimming Waikato Regional Squad member that has demonstrated the following qualities during their time on squads within the qualifying period (1 May to 30 April annually)

- Acted as an excellent role model
- Fostered pride in representing the Waikato
- Promoted a positive attitude to training and competition
- Inspired others to work collaboratively
- Lead by example

*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 to any person who in the opinion of Swimming Waikato has rendered significant 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.

*Emerging Technical Official of the Year* – Awarded to a new Technical Official who has shown a real commitment to the role during the Award period. Selected by the Technical Panel.

*Emerging Secondary School Official of the Year* – Awarded to a Secondary School student who has achieved a Technical Official Qualification and has actively supported the delivery of swim meets during the Award period. Selected by the Technical Panel.

*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 significant service for a shorter period than 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
  - Junior Festival Aquaknights
  - Div II
  - NZ Championship
  - 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. Award Panel recommendations are to be presented to the Board of Swimming Waikato, prior to presentation, for election of new Award holders . Ratification of all new Award Holders to be incorporated into the Annual General Meeting minutes.
9. All individuals recommended for an award by the Awards Panel will be required to be in good standing with Swimming Waikato for an award to be presented.