

VIII. SPMS AWARDS (Need to distinguish nominations for USMS National Awards)

A. Swimmer of the Year

1. The purpose of the award is to recognize SPMS swimmers each year, male and female, who have displayed exemplary commitment to Masters swimming, achieved personal success at SPMS swim meets and/or open water events, and have been an inspiration to others.
2. The criteria for the award are as follows:
 - a. Has been a member of SPMS during the year under consideration.
 - b. Has competed in at least two SPMS meets or SPMS-sanctioned open water events during the time period under consideration.
3. Nominations and Selection:
 - a. Nominations can be made by any SPMS swimmer or SPMS club in the form of a written statement based on the criteria above.
 - b. Nominations and a maximum of four supporting letters should be submitted by email to the SPMS Member-at-Large or mailed to the SPMS Office.
 - c. Nominations must be received on or before October 31st.
 - d. A Male Swimmer of the Year and a Female Swimmer of the Year shall be selected by the SPMS Awards Committee headed by the Member-at-Large.
 - e. The awards shall be presented at the SPMS Short Course Meters Championships.

B. Coach of the Year

1. The purpose of this award is to recognize the SPMS swimming coach who has demonstrated outstanding coaching qualities.
2. The criteria for the award are as follows:
 - a. The coach and club have been members of SPMS during the year under consideration.
 - b. The criteria for the award will be considered first, since November 1st of the preceding year to November 1st of the current award year, and second, over the coach's career with his or her club. Outstanding contributions to his or her club and its individuals are measured by the following competitive and non-competitive factors:
 - i. Accomplishments over the past year (club and individual) Club size and growth. Club results at Nationals, Regionals meet, open water, postal events, etc. Records set. All Americans and Top Ten ranked swimmers, etc

- ii. Publications, articles, clinics, lectures, etc. that are for SPMS and/or USMS. Submit copies of articles, publication names, clinic dates with their location and number of participants in attendance. Include dates and topics of lectures.
 - iii. Contributions to SPMS. Meets hosted, clinics run, SPMS positions, presentations, speaking engagements, etc.
 - iv. Long-term contributions to Masters Swimming. Number of years as a Masters' Coach, special accomplishments, etc.
3. Nominations and Selection
- a. There shall generally be one award given.
 - b. A nomination announcement shall be published in the appropriate SPMS Newsletter.
 - c. Nominations may be made by any registered SPMS member in the form of a written statement addressing both the criteria above and the instructional and inspirational qualities of the coach.
 - d. The nominating letter and a maximum of four supporting letters from registered SPMS swimmers shall be submitted to the Chair of the Coaches Committee on or before November 1st.
 - e. The Coaches Chair shall appoint a Selection Committee of three members. Each committee member will separately evaluate submitted information according to the criteria listed above, ranking his or her top three nominees so that the top-rated nominee receives one point, the second-rated nominee receives two points, and the third-rated nominee receives three points. The nominee with the lowest aggregate score from among the committee members shall be the winner. In the event of a tie score, the Selection Committee shall meet as a whole to determine a winner from among the tied nominees based on the submitted information for the nominee's overall career with his or her club.
 - f. The award shall be presented at the SPMS Short Course Meters Championships.
 - g. If the SPMS Coach of the Year should meet the criteria for the USMS Coach of the Year, then upon approval by the SPMS Coaches Committee, the Coaches Chair shall, by July 1st of the 12-month period during which the SPMS Coach of the Year retains that title, send all documentation for this award recipient, in the format requested by USMS, to the USMS Coaches Committee for consideration as USMS Coach of the Year.

C. Jim Marcus Appreciation Award

1. The purpose of this award is to express special thanks to individuals or groups who have made significant contributions to Southern Pacific Masters Swimming.
2. The criteria for the award are as follows:
 - a. The individual or member of a group has maintained current Southern Pacific Masters Swimming registration for the last five years.
 - b. The individual or group shall have made significant contribution or effort toward the conduct, leadership, or support of Southern Pacific Masters Swimming.
3. Nominations and Selection
 - a. There may be multiple awards given.
 - b. Nominations can be made by any SPMS swimmer or SPMS club in the form of a written statement based on the criteria above and submitted to the Chair by the published deadline.
 - c. Selection will be made by SPMS Committee at the first meeting following the nomination deadline.
 - d. The award(s) shall be announced at the SPMS Short Course Meters Championships and presented at the Southern Pacific Masters Swimming Annual Meeting.

D. Steve Schofield Distinguished Service Award

1. The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding long term service to Southern Pacific Masters Swimming.
2. The criteria for the award are as follows:
 - a. Has maintained current Southern Pacific Masters Swimming registration for the last ten years.
 - b. Has consistently demonstrated outstanding service to Masters Swimming, such as support and leadership, recruitment of members, program development, and promotion of Masters Swimming at the club, local and national level.
3. Nominations and Selection
 - a. There may be multiple awards given.
 - b. Nominations can be made by any SPMS swimmer or SPMS club in the form of a written statement based on the criteria above and submitted to the Chair by the published deadline.
 - c. Selection will be made by SPMS Committee at the first meeting following the nomination deadline.
 - d. The award(s) shall be announced at the SPMS Short Course Meters Championships and presented at the Southern Pacific Masters Swimming Annual Meeting.

E. Contributor of the Year Award

1. The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding contributions to Masters Swimming during the year preceding the year in which the award is presented.
2. The criteria for the award are as follows:
 - a. Held current Southern Pacific Masters Swimming registration during the year under consideration.
 - b. Has demonstrated outstanding contributions to Masters Swimming, such as support and leadership, recruitment of members, program development, and promotion of Masters Swimming at the club, local or national level(s) during the year under consideration.
3. Nominations and Selection
 - a. There shall be no more than one award given each year.
 - b. Nominations can be made by any SPMS swimmer or SPMS club in the form of a written statement based on the criteria above and submitted to the Chair by the published deadline.
 - c. Selection will be made by SPMS Committee at the first meeting following the nomination deadline.
 - d. The award shall be presented at the Southern Pacific Masters Swimming Annual Meeting.

F. Open Water Contributor of the Year Award

1. The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding contributions to promoting and building excellence in SPMS open water swimming during the year preceding the year in which the award is presented.
2. The criteria of the award are as follows:
3. Nominations and Selection

G. Club Swimmer of the Month Award

1. The purpose of this award is to give coaches the opportunity on a monthly basis to recognize SPMS swimmers on their team
2. Detailed information, including criteria and online nomination link, is located on the SPMS website.