

**Swim Alberta Awards Committee**

- **Oversees the entire Award Program for Swim Alberta.**

**Role of the Alberta Coaches Council and High performance Advisory Committee with Awards**

The High Performance Advisory Committee is charged with the task of confirming the Designated Competition for the International, Open Water, Para awards and Junior awards by January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and prior to any selections onto national teams.

The Alberta Coaches Council Executive will make a decision on the award winners from all nominations received prior to August 15<sup>th</sup> and will provide this information to the Swim Alberta Awards Committee as required for finalization.

**Eligibility**

To be eligible for any of the Swim Alberta Awards from the previous year's performances, all athletes and coaches must have represented a Swim Alberta program and have been a member in good standing during the previous season.

**Award Guidelines**

The coach of record of any swimmer earning awards will receive a corresponding award. The Swim Alberta Coach of Record Policy determines the coach of record.

Podium performances will be ranked equally between relay and individual performances. For performances 4<sup>th</sup> place or lower, individual performances will be ranked higher than relay performances.

Should there be a tie in rank, individual or relay, the award will be given to all parties.

Awards will not be presented if swimmers do not compete at the Designated Competition.

Once a decision is made around the designation competition, the HPAC cannot re-determine the designated meet based on selections.

All nomination-based awards will have a deadline of August 15<sup>th</sup> and will be open to nomination throughout the year.

The ACC may put forward names to fill the field of eligible candidates.

In any cases where the award criteria is not met, awards will not necessarily be awarded.

## Swimmer & Coach Awards

### International Swimmer of the Year

The International Swimmer of the Year will be determined based on rankings at the designated competition, the swimmers coach of record will also be recognized.

Criteria: Female & Male Awards  
Highest Rank at Designated Competition (Individual and Relay)  
Corresponding Coach Awards

Selection: As per criteria

### Open Water Swimmer of the Year

The Open Water Swimmer of the Year will be determined based on rankings at the designated competition, the swimmers coach of record will also be recognized.

Criteria: Female & Male Awards  
Highest rank at Designated Competition  
Corresponding Coach Awards

Selection: As per criteria

### Para Swimmer of the Year

The Para Swimmer of the Year will be determined based on rankings at the designated competition, the swimmers coach of record will also be recognized.

Criteria: Female & Male Awards  
Highest rank at Designated Competition (Individual events only)  
Corresponding Coach Awards

Selection: As per criteria

### Junior Swimmer of the Year

The Junior Swimmer of the Year will be determined based on rankings at the designated competition, the swimmers coach of record will also be recognized.

Criteria: Female & Male Awards  
Highest Rank at Designated Competition (Individual and Relay)  
Corresponding Coach Awards

Selection: As per criteria

## **Coach Awards**

Nominations for all Coach Awards must be submitted and received by Swim Alberta by August 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. Nominations can be made at any time throughout the year.

### **Outlying Community Coach Award**

- Criteria:** Club in communities outside of Calgary or Edmonton (the two main urban centers)  
Program Development and/or Growth  
Performances of swimmers  
Number of National, National Age Group, and Provincial Records  
Team ranking and/or provincial titles  
Team Selections or Awards
- Selection:** Alberta Coaches Council will review and make a selection/recommendation to the Swim Alberta awards Committee. Any member of the ACC that has been nominated for an award must excuse himself or herself from the selection process.

### **Provincial Age Group Coach Award**

- Criteria:** Swimmers at Age Group Provincials  
Performances of Swimmers  
Provincial Records  
Team ranking and/or provincial titles
- Selection:** Alberta Coaches Council will review and make a selection/recommendation to the Swim Alberta awards Committee. Any member of the ACC that has been nominated for an award must excuse himself or herself from the selection process.

### **National Age Group Coach Award**

- Criteria:** Swimmers aged 18 & under  
Performances of swimmers  
Number of National, National Age Group, and Provincial Records  
National or Provincial Titles (or team ranking)  
Team Selections or Awards  
Individual and/or Team Performances at Canadian Age Group Championships
- Selection:** Alberta Coaches Council will review and make a selection/recommendation to the Swim Alberta awards Committee. Any member of the ACC that has been nominated for an award must excuse himself or herself from the selection process.

### **Larry Nielson Memorial Award – Outstanding Contribution to Coaching**

**Criteria:** This award annually recognizes the significant contributions that a coach has made to coaching, athlete development or club development over several years. The award will only be awarded once to a coach throughout their coaching career.

**Selection:** This award will be determined by the ACC executive from letters of nomination received from the ACC general membership. The ACC may put names forward for nomination in order to fill the field of eligible candidates. The ACC executive will vote on the winner of this award.

### **Desperado Award**

The ACC executive will nominate a minimum of five coaches to be considered for the Desperado Award. All registered ACC members may cast a vote for the coach they feel did the best overall coaching job in addition to significantly contributing to the provincial program in the previous season. Coaches may place their vote based on performance, professionalism, innovation and communication.

- Two votes:
  - Electronic Survey (Survey Monkey of all nominees) prior to the start of the Conference.
  - Those in attendance at the ACC general meeting will vote on the top 3 from the Electronic Survey. The Chair of the ACC will provide an overview of each of the nominees.
  - The winner to be announced at the Awards Banquet.