

1. 2019 Swimming Australia Awards Policy

Swimming Australia hosts the Swimming Awards, annually. This policy seeks to outline the criteria for which the high-performance awards will be presented.

2. Awards and Criteria

2.1 Services to the Australian Swim Team

Services to the Australian Swim Team is awarded to athletes who have given 5+ years of service to the Australian Swim Team, that have retired within the preceding twelve months.

2.2 Discovery of the Year

Awarded to a female or male swimmer with best performance on debut for a senior (long course) team; can be selected from Olympic, Paralympic or Open Water, in Olympic and Paralympic events only.

If no clear winner- i.e. won a medal/s on debut winners will be based off point score (below) OR world ranking.

Points scores

- 4th place: 15 points
- 5th place: 13 points
- 6th place: 12 points
- 7th place: 11 points
- 8th place: 10 points
- 9th place: 8 points
- 10th place: 7 points
- 16th place: 1 point

2.3 Short Course Program Swimmer of the Year

Only to be awarded in years of the Benchmark meet (World Short Course Championships)

The criteria for the swimmer of the year will be;

The athlete with the highest number of individual gold medals

If two athletes are tied on individual gold medals, then the following point system will be applied. The criteria will be based off the results in Olympic events only.

- Five points for gold
- Three points for silver
- One point for bronze
- Points for relay swimmers (finalist only) will be split across the four swimmers

2.4 Open Water Program Swimmer of the Year

Awarded to the most consistent open water swimmer across the nominated SAL and international events in the Olympic 10km marathon event, including;

- Australian 10km Championships
- Final qualification event for the benchmark team (World Cup or Olympic qualifier)
- Benchmark competition (Olympic Games, FINA World Championships, Pan Pacific Championships)

The following points system applied

Placed AUS	AUS 10km Champs	Final benchmark team qualifying event	Benchmark event
1	6	12	24
2	5	10	20
3	4	8	
4	3	6	

A Point score applied; with bonus points awarded for a medal in the Olympic discipline 10km event ONLY:

- Gold Medal: 30 points
- Silver Medal: 15 points
- Bronze Medal: 10 points

2.5 Paralympic Swimmer of the Year

The criteria for the swimmer of the year will be;

The athlete with the highest number of individual gold medals

If two athletes are tied on individual gold medals, then the following point system will be applied;

- Five points for gold
- Three points for silver
- One point for bronze
- Points for relay swimmers (finalist only) will be split across the four swimmers

The criteria will be based off the benchmark event (Paralympic Games, IPC World Championships and Para Pan Pacs) results in Paralympic events only.

2.6 Olympic Swimmer of the Year

The criteria for the swimmer of the year will be;

The athlete with the highest number of individual gold medals

If two athletes are tied on individual gold medals, then the following point system will be applied;

- Five points for gold
- Three points for silver
- One point for bronze
- Points for relay swimmers (finalist only) will be split across the four swimmers

The criteria will be based off the benchmark event (Olympic Games, World Championships, Commonwealth Games/Pan Pacs combined) results in Olympic events only.

2.7 Swimmers' Swimmer

All benchmark event on team athletes (Paralympic, Olympic and Open Water) can vote for an outstanding member of the Australian Dolphin's Team through the Swimmers' Swimmer Award. The Swimmer's Swimmer is someone who embodies the team's values and has contributed to team unity. The individual has made a material difference in promoting team culture and has demonstrated good alignment of behaviours with the values. This is an athlete that always 'has your back' and supports you.

2.8 Youth Coach of the Year

The Youth Coach of the Year is awarded to the coach of the club's age group program that achieves the highest club point score at the Hancock Prospecting Australian Age Swimming Championships.

2.9 Open Water Coach of the Year

Applying the same criteria as the OWS athlete of the year, the coach with the highest accrued points will be awarded the coach of the year.

2.10 Coach of the Year (Olympic & Paralympic)

The criteria for the coach of the year will be;

The coach whose athletes won the highest number of individual gold medals

If two coaches are tied on individual gold medals, then the following point system will be applied.

- Five points for gold
- Three points for silver
- One point for bronze
- Points for relay swimmers (finalist only) will be split across the four swimmers

The criteria will be based off the Benchmark event (Olympic/Paralympic Games, FINA/IPC World Champs, Commonwealth Games/Pan Pacs combined or Para Pan Pacs) results in Paralympic/Olympic events only.