



Swimming Canada Awards and Recognition Program

The following is a summary of available Swimming Canada awards and recognition programs. Annually Swimming Canada is not required to identify individuals for each award listed.

MALE SWIMMER OF THE YEAR OLYMPIC PROGRAM | FEMALE SWIMMER OF THE YEAR OLYMPIC PROGRAM

- Only Olympic events contested at the premier senior international meet will be considered
- The premier senior international meet(s) shall be determined by the Swimming Canada technical staff. Generally, the Olympic program premier senior international meet(s) are as follows (subject to change):
 - Year 1 – FINA World Aquatic Championships (50m)
 - Year 2 – Commonwealth Games and Pac Pacific Swimming Championships
 - Year 3 - FINA World Aquatic Championships (50m)
 - Year 4 – Olympic Games
- Award winner is determined by Swimming Canada's Awards Committee with input from Swimming Canada's Technical Staff
- The Awards Committee, in the case of a virtual tie, has the authority to award co-winners

Performance Priority Criteria:

1st Priority: Medals*

- I. Most Gold medals at the premier senior international meet(s);
- II. In the case of a tie, most Silver medals at the premier senior international meet(s);
- III. In the case of a tie, most Bronze medals at the premier senior international meet(s);
- IV. In the case of a tie, co-winners will be named**

*Individual Medals count as 1 medal; relay medals count as .25 of a medal

** If a tie is based only on relay medals (i.e. no individual medals) then Priority 1 will be disregarded and selection will move to Priority 2.

2nd Priority: Finals (or top 8 finish for Open Water events)

- Highest individual "A" Final (4th-5th-6th-7th-8th) place finish at the premier senior international meet(s);
- In case of a tie the next highest individual "A" Final (4th-5th-6th-7th-8th) place finish at the premier senior international meet(s);
- In case of a tie the next highest individual "A" Final (4th-5th-6th-7th-8th) place finish at the premier senior international meet(s);
- In the case of a tie, the highest world rankings (2/country) based on performances from the premier senior international meet(s) as of October 31st each year;

3rd Priority: Rankings

- Highest world LC ranking (2/country) based on performances from the premier senior international meet(s) as of October 31st each year.

COACH OF THE YEAR OLYMPIC PROGRAM

- Presented to the coach who is identified using the performances of his/her swimmers in Olympic events at the premier senior international meet(s).
- Coaches of Record is determined annually based on the information submitted in the Swimmer Declaration of



Availability form and confirmed at the point of selection.

- Only coaches working in a Canadian program and registered with Swimming Canada and the CSCTA are eligible

Performance Priority Criteria:

1st Priority: Medals*

- I. Most Gold medals at the premier senior international meet(s);
- II. In the case of a tie, most Silver medals at the premier senior international meet(s);
- III. In the case of a tie, most Bronze medals at the premier senior international meet(s);
- IV. In the case of a tie, co-winners will be named**

*Individual Medals count as 1 medal; relay medals count as .25 of a medal

** If a tie is based only on relay medals (i.e. no individual medals) then Priority 1 will be disregarded and selection will move to Priority 2.

2nd Priority: Finals (or top 8 finish for Open Water events)

- Highest individual "A" Final (4th-5th-6th-7th-8th) place finish at the premier senior international meet(s);
- In case of a tie the next highest individual "A" Final (4th-5th-6th-7th-8th) place finish at the premier senior international meet(s);
- In case of a tie the next highest individual "A" Final (4th-5th-6th-7th-8th) place finish at the premier senior international meet(s);
- In the case of a tie, the highest world rankings (2/country) based on performances from the premier senior international meet(s) as of October 31st each year

3rd Priority: Rankings

- Highest world LC ranking (2/country) based on performances from the premier senior international meet(s) as of October 31st each year.

MALE SWIMMER OF THE YEAR PARALYMPIC PROGRAM | FEMALE SWIMMER OF THE YEAR PARALYMPIC PROGRAM

- Only Paralympic sport class events shall be considered
- The premier Para-swimming international meet(s) shall be determined by the Swimming Canada technical staff. Generally, the premier Para-swimming international meet(s) are as follows (subject to change):
 - Year 1 – World Para-swimming Championships (50m)
 - Year 2 – Pan Pacific Para-swimming Championships (50m)
 - Year 3 - World Para-swimming Championships (50m)
 - Year 4 – Paralympic Games
- Award winner determined by Swimming Canada's Awards Committee with input from Swimming Canada Technical Staff
- The Awards Committee, in the case of a virtual tie, has the authority to award co-winners

Performance Priority Criteria:

1st Priority: Medals*

- I. Most Gold medals at the premier Para-swimming international meet(s);
- II. In the case of a tie, most Silver medals at the premier Para-swimming international meet(s);
- III. In the case of a tie, most Bronze medals at the premier Para-swimming international meet(s);



IV. In the case of a tie, co-winners will be named**

*Individual Medals count as 1 medal; relay medals count as .25 of a medal

** If a tie is based only on relay medals (i.e. no individual medals) then Priority 1 will be disregarded and selection will move to Priority 2.

2nd Priority: Finals

- Highest individual "A" Final (4th-5th-6th-7th-8th) place finish at the premier Para-swimming international meet(s);
- In case of a tie the next highest individual "A" Final (4th-5th-6th-7th-8th) place finish at the premier Para-swimming international meet(s);
- In case of a tie the next highest individual "A" Final (4th-5th-6th-7th-8th) place finish at the premier Para-swimming international meet(s);
- In the case of a tie, the highest world rankings (3/country) based on performances from the premier Para-swimming international meet(s) as of as of October 31st each year;

3rd Priority: Rankings

- Highest world LC ranking (3/country) based on performances from the premier Para-swimming meet(s) as of October 31st each year.

COACH OF THE YEAR PARALYMPIC PROGRAM

- Presented to the coach who is identified using the performances of his/her swimmers in Paralympic sport class events at the premier international meet(s).
- Coaches of Record is determined annually based on the information submitted in the Swimming Declaration of Availability and confirmed at the point of selection.
- Only coaches working in a Canadian program and registered with Swimming Canada and the CSCTA are eligible

Performance Priority Criteria:

1st Priority: Medals*

- I. Most Gold medals at the premier Para-swimming international meet(s);
- II. In the case of a tie, most Silver medals at the premier Para-swimming international meet(s);
- III. In the case of a tie, most Bronze medals at the premier Para-swimming international meet(s);
- IV. In the case of a tie, co-winners will be named**

*Individual Medals count as 1 medal; relay medals count as .25 of a medal

** If a tie is based only on relay medals (i.e. no individual medals) then Priority 1 will be disregarded and selection will move to Priority 2.

2nd Priority: Finals

- Highest individual "A" Final (4th-5th-6th-7th-8th) place finish at the premier Para-swimming international meet(s);
- In case of a tie the next highest individual "A" Final (4th-5th-6th-7th-8th) place finish at the premier Para-swimming international meet(s);
- In case of a tie the next highest individual "A" Final (4th-5th-6th-7th-8th) place finish at the premier Para-swimming international meet(s);



- In the case of a tie, the highest world rankings (3/country) based on performances from the premier Para-swimming international meet(s) as of October 31st each year;

3rd Priority: Rankings

- Highest world LC ranking (3/country) based on performances from the premier international meet(s) as of October 31st each year.

SWIMMING CANADA BREAKOUT PERFORMER OF THE YEAR (OLYMPIC PROGRAM)

- Only swimmers who are representing Canada at their first premier senior international meet, as identified in these criteria, are eligible for this award
- Only Olympic events contested at the premier senior international meet(s) will be considered
- The premier senior international meet(s) shall be determined by the Swimming Canada technical staff.
- Award winner is determined by Swimming Canada's Awards Committee with input from Swimming Canada's Technical Staff
- The Awards Committee, in the case of a virtual tie, has the authority to award co-winners

Performance Priority Criteria:

1st Priority: Medals*

- I. Most Gold medals at the premier senior international meet(s);
- II. In the case of a tie, most Silver medals at the premier senior international meet(s);
- III. In the case of a tie, most Bronze medals at the premier senior international meet(s);
- IV. In the case of a tie, co-winners will be named**

*Individual Medals count as 1 medal; relay medals count as .25 of a medal

** If a tie is based only on relay medals (i.e. no individual medals) then Priority 1 will be disregarded and selection will move to Priority 2.

2nd Priority: Discretion

- Swimming Canada High Performance Staff will make a recommendation to the Awards Committee

SWIMMING CANADA BREAKOUT PERFORMER OF THE YEAR (PARALYMPIC PROGRAM)

- Only swimmers who are representing Canada at their first premier Para-swimming international meet, as identified in these criteria, are eligible for this award
- Only events Paralympic sport class events contested at the premier international Para-swimming meet(s) will be considered
- The premier Para-swimming international meet(s) shall be determined by the Swimming Canada technical staff.
- Award winner is determined by Swimming Canada's Awards Committee with input from Swimming Canada's Technical Staff
- The Awards Committee, in the case of a virtual tie, has the authority to award co-winners

Performance Priority Criteria:

1st Priority: Medals*

- V. Most Gold medals at the premier Para-swimming international meet(s);
- VI. In the case of a tie, most Silver medals at the premier Para-swimming international meet(s);
- VII. In the case of a tie, most Bronze medals at the premier Para-swimming international meet(s);



VIII. In the case of a tie, co-winners will be named**

*Individual Medals count as 1 medal; relay medals count as .25 of a medal

** If a tie is based only on relay medals (i.e. no individual medals) then Priority 1 will be disregarded and selection will move to Priority 2.

2nd Priority: Discretion

- Swimming Canada High Performance Staff will make a recommendation to the Awards Committee

SWIMMING CANADA JUNIOR MALE SWIMMER OF THE YEAR OLYMPIC PROGRAM | SWIMMING CANADA JUNIOR FEMALE SWIMMER OF THE YEAR OLYMPIC PROGRAM

- Only Olympic events contested at the premier junior and senior international meet(s) will be considered
- Eligible swimmers are Females aged 14-17 and Males aged 15 – 18 as of December 31st of the year of the competition.
- The premier senior international meet(s) shall be determined by the Swimming Canada technical staff. Generally, the Olympic program premier senior international meet(s) are as follows (subject to change):
 - Year 1 – FINA World Aquatic Championships (50m)
 - Year 2 – Commonwealth Games and Pac Pacific Swimming Championships
 - Year 3 - FINA World Aquatic Championships (50m)
 - Year 4 – Olympic Games
- The premier junior international meet(s) shall be determined by the Swimming Canada technical staff. Generally, the Junior program premier international meet(s) are as follows (subject to change):
 - Year 1 – FINA World Junior Swimming Championships (50m)
 - Year 2 – Junior Pan Pacific Swimming Championships, Youth Olympic Games, World Junior Open Water Championships
 - Year 3 - FINA World Junior Swimming Championships (50m)
 - Year 4 – Junior Pan Pacific Swimming Championships and World Junior Open Water Championships
- Award winner is determined by Swimming Canada's Awards Committee with input from Swimming Canada's Technical Staff
- The Awards Committee, in the case of a virtual tie, has the authority to award co-winners

Performance Priority Criteria:

1st Priority: Medals – Senior International Meet(s)*

- I. Most Gold medals at the premier senior international meet(s);
- II. In the case of a tie, most Silver medals at the premier senior international meet(s);
- III. In the case of a tie, most Bronze medals at the premier senior international meet(s);
- IV. In the case of a tie, co-winners will be named**

*Individual Medals count as 1 medal; relay medals count as .25 of a medal

** If a tie is based only on relay medals (i.e. no individual medals) then Priority 1 will be disregarded and selection will move to Priority 2.

2nd Priority: Medals – Junior International Meet(s)*

- I. Most Gold medals at the premier junior international meet(s);
- II. In the case of a tie, most Silver medals at the premier junior international meet(s);
- III. In the case of a tie, most Bronze medals at the premier junior international meet(s);



IV. In the case of a tie, co-winners will be named**

*Individual Medals count as 1 medal; relay medals count as .25 of a medal

** If a tie is based only on relay medals (i.e. no individual medals) then priorities 3, 4 and 5 will be used to break the tie between the medallists.

3rd Priority: Finals (or top 8 finish for Open Water events) – Senior International Meet(s)

- Highest individual “A” Final (4th-5th-6th-7th-8th) place finish at the premier senior international meet(s);
- In case of a tie the next highest individual “A” Final (4th-5th-6th-7th-8th) place finish at the premier senior international meet(s);
- In case of a tie the next highest individual “A” Final (4th-5th-6th-7th-8th) place finish at the premier senior international meet(s);
- In the case of a tie, the highest world rankings (2/country) based on performances from the premier senior international meet(s) as of October 31st each year;

4th Priority: Finals (or top 8 finish for Open Water events) – Junior International Meet(s)

- Highest individual “A” Final (4th-5th-6th-7th-8th) place finish at the premier junior international meet(s);
- In case of a tie the next highest individual “A” Final (4th-5th-6th-7th-8th) place finish at the premier junior international meet(s);
- In case of a tie the next highest individual “A” Final (4th-5th-6th-7th-8th) place finish at the premier junior international meet(s);
- In the case of a tie, the highest world rankings (2/country) based on performances from the premier junior international meet(s) as of October 31st each year;

5th Priority: Rankings

- Highest world LC ranking (2/country) based on performances from the premier meet(s) as of October 31st each year.

SWIMMING CANADA JUNIOR COACH OF THE YEAR

- Presented to the coach who is identified using the performances of his/her swimmers in Olympic events at the premier international meet(s).
- Coaches of Record is determined annually based on the information submitted in the Swimmer Declaration of Availability form and confirmed at the point of selection.
- Only coaches working in a Canadian program and registered with Swimming Canada and the CSCTA are eligible

Performance Priority Criteria:

1st Priority: Medals – Senior International Meet(s)*

- V. Most Gold medals at the premier senior international meet(s);
- VI. In the case of a tie, most Silver medals at the premier senior international meet(s);
- VII. In the case of a tie, most Bronze medals at the premier senior international meet(s);
- VIII. In the case of a tie, co-winners will be named**

*Individual Medals count as 1 medal; relay medals count as .25 of a medal

** If a tie is based only on relay medals (i.e. no individual medals) then Priority 1 will be disregarded and selection will move to Priority 2.

2nd Priority: Medals – Junior International Meet(s)



- V. Most Gold medals at the premier junior international meet(s);
- VI. In the case of a tie, most Silver medals at the premier junior international meet(s);
- VII. In the case of a tie, most Bronze medals at the premier junior international meet(s);
- VIII. In the case of a tie, co-winners will be named**

*Individual Medals count as 1 medal; relay medals count as .25 of a medal

** If a tie is based only on relay medals (i.e. no individual medals) then Priority 1 will be disregarded and selection will move to Priority 3.

3rd Priority: Finals (or top 8 finish for Open Water events) – Senior International Meet(s)

- Highest individual “A” Final (4th-5th-6th-7th-8th) place finish at the premier senior international meet(s);
- In case of a tie the next highest individual “A” Final (4th-5th-6th-7th-8th) place finish at the premier senior international meet(s);
- In case of a tie the next highest individual “A” Final (4th-5th-6th-7th-8th) place finish at the premier senior international meet(s);
- In the case of a tie, the highest world rankings (2/country) based on performances from the premier senior international meet(s) as of October 31st each year;

4th Priority: Finals (or top 8 finish for Open Water events) – Junior International Meet(s)

- Highest individual “A” Final (4th-5th-6th-7th-8th) place finish at the premier junior international meet(s);
- In case of a tie the next highest individual “A” Final (4th-5th-6th-7th-8th) place finish at the premier junior international meet(s);
- In case of a tie the next highest individual “A” Final (4th-5th-6th-7th-8th) place finish at the premier junior international meet(s);
- In the case of a tie, the highest world rankings (2/country) based on performances from the premier junior international meet(s) as of October 31st each year;

5th Priority: Rankings

- Highest world LC ranking (2/country) based on performances from the premier meet(s) as of October 31st each year.

PRESIDENT’S AWARD

President's Award

- The President's Award is open to athletes, coaches, administrators, officials, sports leaders and builders (professionals and volunteers) who have made a significant and profound impact on swimming in Canada.
- The President of Swimming Canada has sole discretion to select this award and may seek input from the Board of Directors, the CEO, etc.
- This award may be handed out on an annual basis
- Recipients must have participated in swimming, or contributed to the growth and development of swimming
- Deceased nominees are eligible for consideration

SWIMMING CANADA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Volunteer of the Year Award is based on the nominee’s volunteer contributions from the previous 18-month period only. The award is not based on a lifetime of contributions since that would preclude those who have been members for a short time. Contributions in the field of coaching and officiating will not be



considered in this award. The Award Committee determines the winner based on contribution in any of the following areas:

- Must be a volunteer
- Volunteering in an administrative capacity
- Competition hosting
- Special event (i.e. anniversary celebrations, alumni activation)
- Building construction, renovations or upgrades (unpaid work)
- Program development for adults, persons with a disability, youth or schools (elementary, secondary, collegiate, university)
- Specific fundraising campaign
- Successful membership campaign
- Successful volunteer recruitment
- Other contributions

Nominators must provide rationale on why they feel the nominee qualifies for the award (restricted to 500 words). A letter of endorsement from the provincial section needs to be included. The annual application deadline date for this award is August 31st.

SWIMMING CANADA VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTION AWARD

The Swimming Canada Volunteer Contribution Award may be presented annually to a volunteer in a Swimming Canada administrative capacity who has contributed to the organization over at least a 5-year period.

Contributions in the field of coaching and officiating will be considered in this award. The Award Committee determines the winner based on contribution in any of the following areas:

- Must be a volunteer
- Must be volunteering in the Canadian system or with a Canadian based club
- Must have contributed to Swimming Canada's overall goals, consistent with the Vision, Mission and Core Values of Swimming Canada
- Must have achieved a certain amount of success in his/her volunteer role
- Must be involved with the promotion of the sport in the community/club, province or at the national level

Nominations may be submitted from clubs, provincial sections, the Awards Committee or other volunteers, will be restricted to 500 words and should include the nominee's involvement in swimming, and outline their contribution to the sport; a letter of endorsement from the provincial section needs to be included, as well as the completed ballot form. The annual application deadline date for this award is August 31st.

KEN FILIPPELLI AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN OFFICIATING

Nominations are open to any one candidate annually who is eligible, according to the criteria below:

- The nominee should exemplify the true spirit of the sport of swimming, demonstrating fair play, integrity, respect for others and a commitment to swimming;
- Minimum Level V official;
- Nominee has been active in a club, the province and nationally in the prior 5-year period.

Nominations may be submitted from clubs, provincial sections, the Awards Committee or other volunteers, will be restricted to 500-word biography stating the nominee's qualifications, officiating career, contributions and achievements by August 31st each year. The Selection Committee will be made up of three senior officials and headed by the OCRC Chair