



Disability Swimming Coaching Awards

The mission of the Disability Swimming Committee is the full inclusion of swimmers with a disability in USA Swimming programs

The purpose of the Disability Swimming Coaching Awards is to recognize significant contributions by coaches to the inclusion of swimmers with a disability in USA Swimming programs or in the sport of swimming.

Eligibility. Nominees may include an individual coach or a coaching staff from the same USA Swimming club. Nominees must be coach members of USA Swimming. Coaches may receive a Disability Swimming Coaching Award more than once.

Awards and Award Criteria:

- **Disability Swimming Coach of the Year Award.** One national-level award shall be presented annually at the annual USA Swimming Convention. Criteria include: (a) outstanding inclusion of swimmers with a disability under the nominee's direct coaching assignment and/or (b) promotion of swimmers with a disability and disability swimming within the nominee's sphere of influence. Contributions to inclusion may include club, LSC, national, or international examples. This demonstration of inclusion and influence should be evident as part of the nominee's ongoing coaching philosophy.
- **Disability Swimming Outstanding Coach Award.** Up to five awards shall be presented annually, with awards sent to the LSC Permanent Office or General Chairperson for presentation at an appropriate LSC event. Criteria include: (a) outstanding inclusion of swimmers with a disability under the nominee's direct coaching assignment and/or (b) promotion of swimmers with a disability and disability swimming at the club and/or LSC level.

Nomination Process. Any USA Swimming member athlete, coach, volunteer, club, or LSC may submit a nomination by sending the official nomination form to Randy Julian, the staff liaison to the Disability Swimming Committee.

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Nomination Deadline. Received on or before August 1, 2009.

Selection process. Recipients will be determined by vote of the members of the USA-S Disability Swimming Committee.

**Past Recipients of the
Coach of the Year Award:**
New award in 2009

**Recipients of the
Outstanding Coach Award:**
New award in 2009