

# SPMS Awards and Recognition Program

## Club Swimmer of the Month

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1. The purpose of this award is to give coaches the opportunity to recognize SPMS swimmers on their team monthly who have displayed exemplary commitment to improved swimming, achieved personal success at club swim workouts, and have been an inspiration to teammates.
2. The criteria for the award are as follows:
  - a. Has been a member of local swim club and SPMS during the month under consideration.
  - b. Accomplished something outstanding in the opinion of the coach during swim practice workouts. Examples could be swimmer who attended the most workouts that month, swam butterfly stroke for the first time, dove off the blocks for first time, learned a flip turn, perfected his or her breathing, swam the greatest distance that month, swam a first open water swim of any form, etc.
3. Selection:
  - a. Selection shall be made by club coach.
  - b. Club coach or coaches can submit a maximum of one name per month per swim club.
  - c. Coach should submit name of Masters Swim Club, name of swimmer, month and year of award, and a brief statement of recipient's accomplishment.
  - d. Coach should use template form on link provided on SPMS website for submission.
  - e. Submission should be made by end of each month in order for immediate recognition on website and presentation of certificate.
4. Recognition:
  - a. Club Swimmer of the Month should be honored by the club coach who will be able to print out the certificate of recognition to present to the recipient at earliest appropriate and convenient time and place determined by the coach. It could be on deck before swim practice, at a team/club social, a club banquet, a holiday party, etc.
  - b. Recognition will also occur on SPMS website and newsletter.
5. Participation:
  - a. Coaches are encouraged to participate as appropriate to situation.
  - b. Coach may submit a deserving swimmer each month or just occasionally as he or she desires. All submissions are welcome and voluntary.
6. General Goals:
  - a. Reward fitness swimmers who perhaps have never won a ribbon or medal ever before.
  - b. Reward a new swimmer.
  - c. Retain swimmers.
  - d. Improve swimmer morale.
  - e. Attract more fitness swimmers.

f. Increase practice attendance.