



# Swim BC Awards Criteria

## Swimmer Eligibility (All Awards)

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To be eligible for any Swim BC award, a swimmer must be deemed a BC Swimmer, defined as follows:

- Must be a Canadian citizen or a Canadian Permanent Resident.
- Registered with and representing a Swim BC member club in good standing, or HPC-Vancouver.
- Living, training, and registered full-time in BC for the 12 months prior to nomination.
- If representing HPC-Vancouver or a BC University, the swimmer's club of origin and current club must both be Swim BC member clubs.
- Swimmers training at an HPC outside of BC are not eligible.
- Awards are based on competition results and eligibility for the competitive season.

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*Awards Committee decisions are considered final and binding, except in instances where a verified error has occurred in the calculation of results or the determination of an individual's eligibility.*

## Swim BC Swimmer of the Year (Male & Female)

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Both Male and Female awards will be presented.

### Eligibility & Performance Criteria

The swimmer must have represented a BC club or HPC–Vancouver at the Canadian Swimming Trials or the highest-ranked international competition, prioritized as follows:

1. Olympic Games / Paralympic Games
2. World Championships / World Para Swimming Championships
3. Pan Pacific Championships / Para Pan Pacific Championships
4. World Aquatics Championships (25m)
5. FISU Games
6. Commonwealth Games
7. World Junior Swimming Championships
8. Pan American Games / Parapan American Games

If no performance occurs at the above competitions, the highest-scoring single event at the Canadian Swimming Trials will be used

### Selection Process

The eligible swimmer who:

- Places top 8 at the highest-priority competition, **and**
- Has the lowest percentage variance from the winning time will be named Swimmer of the Year.

If no swimmer places in the top 8:

- All eligible placements (9th and lower) will be ranked by priority.
- The swimmer's international placing is added to their placing at the Canadian Swimming Trials in the same event
- The swimmer with the lowest combined placing will be selected.
- *Example:*
  - 14th place – World Championships (100 Breaststroke)
  - 2nd place – Canadian Swimming Trials (100 Breaststroke)
  - Combined score: 16

### Tie Breakers

Olympic Program Ties: Broken using World Aquatics points

Paralympic Program Ties: Adjudicated by the Swim BC Awards Committee using depth of field, percentage of winning time, and other relevant performance factors

### World Records

Long Course Meters (LCM) World Aquatics world record (individual event): prioritized above placing

LCM World Para Swimming world record: must be achieved at Canadian Swimming Trials or the primary Para international competition in a recognized sport class

Short Course Meters (SCM) World Aquatics world record: ranks

- After medals at #1 or #2 competitions (same event)
- Before medals at #3 – #8 competitions

## Swim BC Provincial Para-Swimmer of the Year (Male & Female)

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Male and Female awards presented when criteria are met (*If no swimmer in a gender meets the criteria, no award is presented*).

### Eligibility

Must have competed in at least one BC Provincial Championship.

Paralympic swimmers must be Level 2 classified prior to the BC Winter Provincial Championships.

Any athlete selected as the Swim BC Swimmer of the Year is not eligible to receive this award.

### Selection Criteria

The swimmer with the highest cumulative IPC point score.

Calculated from the swimmer's three (3) highest-ranked events at the BC Provincial Championships.

In the event that the BC Provincial Championships are conducted in SCM, all qualifying performances will be converted to LCM using the percentage conversions associated with the Paralympic Provincial Time Standards for the applicable sport class and event.

## Swim BC Swimmer of the Year – Olympic Program (Male & Female)

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### Eligibility

To be eligible, a Provincial Swimmer must have competed at a minimum of one BC Provincial Championship meet.

Any athlete selected as the Swim BC Swimmer of the Year is not eligible to receive this award.

### Scoring Criteria (Individual Events Only)

National age-group records: (LCM or SCM)	5 points per event	(Multiple records in the same event count once)
Provincial age-group records: (LCM or SCM)	3 points per event	(Multiple records in the same event count once)
Selection to National Senior Team:	2 points	
Selection to National Junior Team:	1 point	
Swim BC CSI-Pacific identified athletes:		
• Canadian Elite:	3 points	
• Canadian Development:	3 points	
• Provincial Development 1:	2 points	
• Provincial Development 2:	1 point	
BC Provincial Championships aggregate winner:	1 point (per award)	

### Tie-Breaker

Single highest World Aquatics point swim. (Based on the course in which Provincials are swum).

## Swim BC Masters Swimmer of the Year (Male & Female)

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*Looking for the single fastest swim based on the percentage variance over or under of the world record.*

### Eligibility

Registered and active as a Masters swimmer.

Representing a registered Swim BC club.

### Selection Criteria

Based on results from the BC Masters Championships.

If no World Record is broken – Swimmer with the time closest to a World Record (by percentage) in a single event.

If one or more World Records are broken - Swimmer with the largest percentage improvement over the World Record.

## Swim BC Coach of the Year – Olympic Program

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### Eligibility

Registered with and representing a BC club.

Actively coaching full-time in BC for the full season.

Fully compliant with Swim BC coach registration requirements.

Declared Coach of Record for individual swimmers (confirmed if required).

### Scoring Criteria

#### National Records (LCM / SCM)

- Full Relay 12 points
- Partial Relay 3 points / swimmer

*Note: individual and relay events – counted once, not cumulatively*

#### Provincial Records (LCM / SCM)

- Full Relay 8 points
- Partial Relay 2 points / swimmer

*Note: individual and relay events – counted once, not cumulatively*

#### Swim BC CSI–Pacific identified athletes:

- Canadian Elite: 3 points
- Canadian Development: 3 points
- Provincial Development 1: 2 points
- Provincial Development 2: 1 point

National Senior Team selection & acceptance 2 points

National Junior Team selection & acceptance 1 point

## Swim BC Coach of the Year – Paralympic Program

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### Eligibility

Registered with and representing a BC club.

Actively coaching full-time in BC for the full season.

Fully compliant with Swim BC coach registration requirements.

Declared Coach of Record for individual swimmers (confirmed if required).

### Scoring Criteria

#### Club Paralympic program size & growth

- Per Paralympic participant 5 points
- Per Participant at SNC designated Para events (Ken Demchuk) 5 points

#### National Records (LCM / SCM)

\*\* Must be from a WPS sanctioned event

12 points

*Note: records counted once, not cumulatively*

#### Provincial Records (LCM / SCM)

8 points

*Note: records counted once, not cumulatively*

#### Swim BC CSI–Pacific identified athletes:

- Canadian Elite: 3 points
- Canadian Development: 3 points
- Provincial Development 1: 2 points
- Provincial Development 2: 1 point

National Paralympic Team selection & acceptance 2 points

### Eligibility

An eligible club must:

- Be registered with Swim BC for the previous 12 months (*September 1 – August 31*).
- Have no unreconciled suspensions or outstanding letters of warning during that period.
- Be coaching registration and certification compliant (*by August 31*).
- Have swimmers registered in the “Competitive” category.
- Attend at least one Winter BC Divisionals or Winter BC Championships, **and** at least one Summer BC Divisionals or Summer BC Provincial Championships
- Note: Varsity-only and Masters-only clubs are not eligible

### Scoring Criteria

*Clubs will be evaluated using a combination of performance, development, and growth metrics.*

Provincial Championship Performance:

- Combined Winter + Summer Provincial Championship scores (ranked in reverse order by the total number of ranked clubs).

National qualifiers:

- Swimming Canada Trials (Sr & Jr) 1 point / swimmer
- Canadian Open Championships 1 point / swimmer

Swim BC CSI–Pacific identified athletes:

- Canadian Elite: 3 points / swimmer
- Canadian Development: 3 points / swimmer
- Provincial Development 1: 2 points / swimmer
- Provincial Development 2: 1 point / swimmer

Officials Registration:

- Total number of registered active officials per registered competitive swimmer; ranked and scored in reverse order by the total number of ranked clubs.

## Swim BC Volunteer of the Year

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### Purpose

Recognition of an individual who has made a significant contribution to community through activities other than officiating that underscore commitment, service, creativity, cooperation, and leadership in their volunteer role.

### Selection Process

Recipients will be selected based on submitted nominations. All nominations will be reviewed and evaluated by the Awards Committee.

### Nomination Criteria

Submissions will be solicited from the Swim BC membership requesting submissions that outline the following:

- **Club Impact** – Meaningful contributions that strengthen and support their club
- **Community Reach** – Influence and involvement within the broader swimming community
- **Sustained Engagement** – Ongoing dedication and consistent participation over time
- **Resilience** – Ability to overcome personal challenges while contributing to the community
- **Inspirational Impact** – Positive influence that motivates and uplifts others in the swimming community

## Swim BC Flip Filippelli Official of the Year

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The Swim BC Officials Committee will make recommendation to the Awards Committee.

### Purpose

Recognizes a registered official who has contributed substantially of their time, expertise, and energy toward officiating and officials' development in BC.

Recognizes an official who has made an outstanding contribution over the past 2 or 3 seasons (i.e. not a lifetime achievement award).

Recognizes a contribution toward officiating **in BC**. National and international service, while important, are not the focus of this award.

### Criteria

A recipient will have:

- Officiated at a minimum of four competitions, including at least one BC Provincial or Divisional Championship, and including at least one multi-day meet for which they were in a leadership role (e.g. meet referee).
- Led a minimum of two clinics and provided regular mentorship for local and regional officials both on and off deck.
- Demonstrated ongoing personal development through course work and / or experiential opportunities, including national or international service.
- Demonstrated individual dedication to leadership and contribution to local sport development and promotion of fair play and ethical behaviours in swimming.

## Swim BC President's Award

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Selected at the sole discretion of the Swim BC President.

Multiple individuals may be recognized.

The award is intended to recognize a long serving individual (BC resident) within the BC swimming community who has had a significant and lasting impact on the direction of competitive swimming in the province.