



## PACIFIC SWIMMING COMMITTEE REPORT

To be submitted to Marie Lin ([secretary@pacsxim.org](mailto:secretary@pacsxim.org)) the Sunday prior to the next BOD meeting

**Committee:** Athlete Reps – Awards Subcommittee

**Liaison to the Board:** Veronica Hernandez

**Date of Last Meeting:** Conference Call – 3/18/18

### Members Present:

Robert Mitchell	Brandon Shi	Sophia Harrison
Veronica Hernandez	Diana Fetterman	Tessie Scavone (absent)
Cynthia Le (absent)		

**Date of Next Meeting:** None Scheduled

**Action Items Completed:** This subcommittee was tasked with finding either new awards to replace Relay of the Year and Race of the Year or to provide better criteria to determine the nominees and winners of these awards. Past difficulties have included comparing relays across so many age groups to determine the best nominees and eventual winners.

The following is this subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors.

### Relay of the Year

We would like to see Relay of the Year stay as one of the awards for the annual banquet with the following modifications.

- There would be a total of 4 relay award winners per gender – 10 & Under, 11-12, 13-14, 15-18 - (8 Total)
- Nominees would come from the Top Relay (as determined by the Top Times Report) for that age group for the current swim season (ending in August) in the following races:

10 & Under (4 Nominees)	11-12 (8 Nominees)	13-14 (10 Nominees)	15-18 (10 Nominees)
200 SCY Free	200 SCY Free	200 SCY Free	200 SCY Free
200 SCY Medley	200 SCY Medley	200 SCY Medley	200 SCY Medley
200 LCM Free	400 SCY Free	400 SCY Free	400 SCY Free
200 LCM Medley	400 SCY Medley	400 SCY Medley	400 SCY Medley
(could possibly consider	200 LCM Free	800 SCY Free	800 SCY Free
All-Star Relay)	200 LCM Medley	200 LCM Free	200 LCM Free
	400 LCM Free	200 LCM Medley	200 LCM Medley
	400 LCM Medley	400 LCM Free	400 LCM Free
	(could possibly consider	400 LCM Medley	400 LCM Medley
	All-Star Relay)	800 LCM Free	800 LCM Free

- Determination of the winner would be determined by the same method in place: Public has one vote, each committee member would have a vote to rank the relays.
- Nominees will be presented along with as much information as possible to provide an informed ranking to public and committee members (i.e if relay ranks nationally, breaks a PC record, etc.)

This subcommittee realizes that this will increase the total number of Relay of the Year awards from 16 to 32 plaques/trophies handed out and that the number of invitees would increase due to the increase of nominees. However, we feel that it would be positive to have as many athletes there as possible and many could be cross-over nominees from other relays or awards (Outstanding, Swimmer of the Year, etc.)

### **Race of the Year**

We would like to see Race of the Year stay as one of the awards for the annual banquet with the following modifications.

- There will still be an Age Group Race of the Year and Senior Race of the Year – one per gender – 4 total
- Race nominees would come from the top 5 highest nationally-ranked swims from that current swim season ending in August every year. (i.e. 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked nationally in 100 m Breast vs. 5<sup>th</sup> ranked 1650 yd. Free swim vs. 6<sup>th</sup> ranked 200 yd. IM, etc.) within either Age Group (14 & Under) and Senior (15-18).
- Determination of the winner would be determined by the same method in place: Public has one vote, each committee member would have a vote to rank the relays.
- Nominees will be presented along with as much information as possible to provide an informed ranking to public and committee members (i.e. what place they ranked nationally, if a PC record was broken, US Open time, etc.)

### **Other Suggestions**

- Clearly list the positions that will be on the Awards Committee – Age Group Chair, Senior Chair, Top Times Chairperson, Sanctions Chair, etc., as well as the Public Vote
- Change **IMPACT Award** Nomination Form to “13 & Up, although exceptions can be made for outstanding athletes under 13 years old”
- **Perseverance Award** – this would be an additional coach-nominated award for swimming through hardships
- **Scholastic Athlete** – We don’t necessarily want to recognize the fastest, smartest swimmer since these swimmers already are recognized as Scholastic All-Americans. Instead this would be awarded to a really good student, hard-worker in the pool (high attendance at practice), but maybe just not as physically gifted. This would be an award that is applied for by the swimmer but would require transcripts for grades, coach recommendation for work ethic and attendance and other criteria.

*Respectfully submitted*

*Diana Fetterman*