CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD INFORMATION

U.S. MASTERS SWIMMING

Great clubs lead to a strong USMS Membership!

An exemplary club builds on the Core Objectives of USMS:
Serve, Educate, and Build the Membership.

USMS began recognizing a **Club of the Year** in 2006. It has expanded its parameters to recognize clubs in two separate club categories: **Regional and Local**.

- **A Regional Club** is comprised of swimmers who represent their team or workout group at competitions within their LMSC, but represent their club at competitions at the zone and national level.
- **A Local Club** is comprised of swimmers who represent their club at all levels of competition.

The Club of the Year Award honors a club for more than a single year's accomplishments.

Procedures to submit a Club for consideration: Individual clubs may submit themselves or a club can be submitted by its LMSC. Once a club receives this award, it may not be submitted again for five years.

- **Complete a submission form:** The two separate forms are posted on the USMS web site (usms.org/admin/awards/) or they can be obtained from the chair of the Recognition and Awards Committee. **PLEASE** be complete, yet succinct when you complete the form.

- **Provide a letter of support:** Submit a **ONE-PAGE** letter explaining why your club should be selected as a USMS Club of the Year. Include information that WAS NOT ADDRESSED in the Submission Form, such as other ways your club serves, educates, and builds the membership, team or individual accomplishments that have inspired others to join your club, activities that make your club special and unique, or other relevant information.

PLEASE do NOT submit graphs, tables, and photos. In fairness to other club submissions, the judges will disregard anything beyond the submission form and the ONE-PAGE letter.

Nominations for the Club of the Year are due July 1 to:

Recognition and Awards Committee
Ray Novitske, Chair
awards@usms.org
Questions: 703-960-4598

Please note that electronic submissions are required

Selection Panel: A panel of seven will review the nomination materials and select the Club of the Year. The panel will consist of members of the Recognition and Awards, Coaches, and Fitness Committees and a VP on the USMS Executive Committee.

Award Presentation: The award will be presented when the Recognition and Awards Committee reports at the House of Delegates during the annual convention.

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