

Club of the Year Nomination Form

Submission deadline: July 1

A club or workout group is a group of swimmers who affiliate together to access USMS programs, including organized coached workouts, access to facilities, USMS member benefits and programs. Clubs/workout groups may swim at multiple facilities, engage multiple coaches and affiliate with their Local Masters Swimming Committee (LMSC). All members are registered with USMS and compete under their club/workout group name.

Directions: To nominate a club/workout group, complete and email this form to the Recognition and Awards Committee Chair, <u>awards@usmastersswimming.org</u>. (electronic submissions are required) In addition, you may submit a **ONE-PAGE** letter further explaining why your club/workout group should be selected as a USMS Club of the Year. You may also submit photos and other documentation that supports your consideration for Club of the Year.

Also refer to the Club of the Year overview located on the USMS Awards web page for more information.

Date submitted	Club	Workout Group	(check one)
Club/Workout Group Name	LMSC		
Person submitting this application	Phone		
Email address			
Your relationship to the club (i.e. member, coach, etc.)			

- 1. Please give us a sense of the club's/workout group's character with 5 adjectives that the members would use to describe their feelings and benefits from belonging to this group of swimmers? In aggregate, the adjectives should give a picture of the club/workout group's culture.
- 2. Tell us about the programs, activities, accomplishments, chemistry, management, and other aspects of belonging that make members feel the way you described by the adjectives?
 - Coaching who are your coaches and what is their style and approach to coaching Masters?
 - Workouts how are workouts structured to accommodate all levels of swimmers?
 - Competition where does competition fit into your club/workout group's programs?
 - Social dynamics What is the social dynamic. Tell us about formal and informal activities, events, parties, etc. that bond your club/workout group away from the pool.
 - Education Describe efforts the team makes to educate members on all things swimming.
 - Publicity How do you promote your club/workout group to create awareness and attract members?
 - Management Tell us how your club/workout group is structured and operates as an official organization.
 - Financial How does your club/workout group achieve financial viability?



- Communications what is your process and tools for keeping members informed?
- Website do you have a website? If so, please provide the web address.
- Community engagement Describe any programs or initiatives that connect your club/workout group to your greater community.
- Other anything else you would like us to know.
- 3. What are the programs and activities of your club/workout group that support the specific needs and wants of individual swimmer profiles, beyond those described in #2?
 - For fitness swimmers:
 - For competitive swimmers:
 - For triathletes:
- 4. How does the club/workout group meet the expectations of the national USMS organization and their LMSCs.
 - # of members:
 - # of certified coaches:
 - % of annual swimmer retention:
 - Events hosted (list):
 - Identify members involved in LMSC and USMS organization (describe):
 - List contributions to education and publications that have been of value to all USMS members.
 - % of club/workout group members who participate in:
 - o Virtual events
 - Local meets
 - Regional & national meets
 - o Other club/workout group and USMS volunteer positions and activities
 - Conducting Adult Learn-to-Swim programs.

If you have further questions, contact the Recognition and Awards Committee Chair via email awards@usmastersswimming.org.