



Fitness Award Considerations

Presented by the USMS Recognition and Awards Committee

In an effort to recognize individuals and/or groups for their service to USMS non-competitive members, the USMS Recognition and Awards Committee annually presents the USMS Fitness Award.

This award recognizes outstanding achievement in fitness activities within USMS and is presented to individuals or organizations demonstrating outstanding contributions to fitness activities benefitting USMS members.

Any USMS registered individual(s) who has contributed to the growth, improvement, or success of USMS through communication about fitness information, and/or implementation of fitness activities is eligible for this award.

Consideration is given to:

- Length of service to USMS
- Varieties of fitness resources used and/or created.
- Frequency/consistency of activities.
- Content and quality of activities and/or information generated.
- Benefits of this activity to the core objectives of USMS (Build, Serve, and Educate the membership).

U.S. Masters Swimming committees, LMSCs, or any member can submit nominations.

Minimum Viable Qualifications:

- USMS member in good standing
- Demonstrates more than one fitness resource used or created, OR, one exceptional single resource use/creation/implementation.
- Benefits of the activity/activities conducted by the nominee meet the core objectives of USMS (Build, Serve, and Educate the membership).

Scoring System:

Ranking of multiple nominations- Rank/order nominations from 1-X as whom you feel is most deserving as a 1 and still deserving but not as substantial based on the nomination information as 2-X. We have awarded multiple nominees in the past (i.e. multiple nominees are given a rank of 1), so it is still a possibility, though not required.



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Efforts will be made for all members of The Fitness Education Committee to score/evaluate nominees.

Members of the committee are expected to declare any obvious bias (e.g. knowingly evaluating a significant other).

A member of the Fitness Award Sub Committee shall make the nominations “blind” before the rest of the Fitness Committee scores/evaluates nominees, OR, shall appoint another USMS National Committee Member (i.e. of the Awards & Recognition Committee). Anyone who makes the nominations “blind” shall not score/evaluate nominees.

Submit and direct any questions about the Fitness Award to the [Chair of the Recognition and Awards Committee](#).