



EASTERN GAUTENG AQUATICS

AWARDS CRITERIA

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1. PURPOSE

This document defines the official criteria for all Eastern Gauteng Aquatics (EGA) awards, ensuring fairness, consistency and transparency

2. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

2.1 All awards are based on verified official results

2.2 Performances must occur within the defined EGA season;

Swimmer must be registered with the district from the 01st May to the 30th April for any award recognition.

2.3 EGA reserves the right to:

- Withhold awards
- Apply discretion in exceptional cases

2.4 Trophies awarded are to remain with EGA.

2.5 Regionals and National Competitions

Swimmers who compete in these competitions on a concession granted will not be eligible for recognition.

2.6 **EGA Championship; Regional & National Top Performers Scoring Method:**

Awards will be determined using a **weighted medal points system:**

- Gold Medal = 3 points
- Silver Medal = 2 points
- Bronze Medal = 1 point

Tie-Break Criteria (applied in order):

1. Highest number of Gold medals
2. Highest number of Silver medals
3. Finals participation

Example:

If 2 swimmers both have the same number of points for their medals won the winner will be determined by how many finals the swimmer has swum provided that the minimum number of swimmers in the heats is no less than 20.

2.7 **Swimmers who qualify for Senior Nationals at SANJ or Youth Nationals will be awarded the higher colours.**

2.8 Masters Clubs should recognize their members for their achievements at national events.



3. VICTOR & VICTRIX LUDORUM

Awarded to:

Top Male and Female swimmer per age group with the highest accumulated **HY-TEK Age Group Points** across the season.

Recognition:

- Trophy & Certificate

Age Groups:	Eligible Competitions:
• 8 & Under • 9–10 • 11–12 • 13–14 • 15–16 • 17 & Over	• Winter Series • Summer Series • Last Chance Gala

Note: Winter and Summer Championship galas are not taken into consideration for this award

4. RECORDS

Awarded to a swimmer who has broken a record in their respective age groups for Summer Age Group competition, Summer Championships or national age group records.

Recognition:

- Certificate

Note:

National Age Group Records be awarded only upon verification from Swim South Africa Championship records are not used for Age Group record recognition; Championship records are recognized separately



5. TOP PERFORMER EGA SUMMER CHAMPS

Awarded to a top junior male and female and top senior male and female swimmer who have earned the **highest medal count** at the Summer Championships

Recognition:

- Trophy
- Certificate

6. COMMUNITY CLUB AWARDS

These are awards for community club swimmers only

Recognition:

- Trophy
- Certificate
- Small take home trophy

6.1 Most Improved Community Club Swimmer

Awarded to a Swimmer from our Community Clubs who has shown improvement across all their events throughout the season.

- **Measurables:**
Level progression (e.g. Level 1 → Level 2)
Time improvement across all events

Example: Swimmer has shown consistent improvement across all events finishing the season as a level 2 swimmer; Swimmer had a total time improvement of 75 seconds across all events.

6.2 Community Club Top Performer

Awarded to a Top Male or Female swimmer based on participation at the highest regional level Swimmer from our Community Clubs

- **Measurables:**
Level participation – Level 2/Level 3
Finals
Medals

Example: Swimmer qualified for Level 2, swam in 3 finals and won a bronze medal.



7. RISING STAR TROPHY

Awarded to a **junior swimmer** who has demonstrated exceptional natural talent, ability, enthusiasm, dedication and presence in the water throughout the season

Eligibility:

12 & Under Swimmers only

Recognition:

- The Rising Star Trophy
- Certificate

Criteria:

- **Commitment and attendance (/10)**
 - Consistency in training attendance
 - Punctuality and readiness
 - Effort during sessions
- **Positive attitude and coachability (/10)**
 - Positive mindset
 - Responsiveness to coaching feedback
 - Willingness to learn and improve
- **Continuous improvement (/10)**
 - Measurable progress over the season
 - Improvement in technique and execution
 - Development in confidence and race skills
- **Sportsmanship and team contribution (/10)**
 - Encourages and supports teammates
 - Demonstrates respect for competitors and officials
 - Positive behaviour at training and competitions
- **Future potential (/10)**
 - Natural ability and feel for the water
 - Presence and confidence in racing
 - Long-term development potential

Above criteria is to be scored by the swimmer's coach out of 10

Motivation from Coach required. This award is Not solely performance-based



8. MOST IMPROVED SWIMMER OF THE YEAR

Recognition:

- The Douglas Erasmus Trophy
- Certificate

Criteria:

- Improvement across multiple strokes
- Level progression
- Consistency and commitment

Coach is to motivate nomination

Example:

- Swimmer progressed from level 1 to Level 3 in one season.
 - Qualified at Level 3 for SANJ
 - Won 3 Gold; 2 Silver and 1 Bronze at Levels
 - Broke 3 age group records
 - Total Time improvement across all events 128.35 seconds
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9. TOP EGA PERFORMERS

9.1 SSA Regionals Level 2 & 3

9.1.1 Recognition:

Trophy
Certificate

9.1.2 Awarded to:

Top Male and Female swimmers participating at the SSA Regional Level 2 and Level 3 competitions for their outstanding performance based on medals won (Reference Clause 2.6).

9.2 AG Level 1:

Level 1 is a provincial run competition. There is no award for top performers for this competition; certificates, trophies or medals should not be awarded.



10. OPEN WATER NATIONALS

10.1 Eligibility:

Participation at Open Water Nationals with a minimum of two qualifying times

10.2 Recognition:

Half Colours

Swimmer must have achieved the qualifying time in the 3km open water event and participated at SANATOW

Colours

District Tracksuit with the EGA Logo and a scroll depicting Open Water Nationals and the year.

The district tracksuit can be ordered through the District Secretary in writing
Secretary@easterngautengaquatics.co.za

10.3 District Colours;

Swimmer must have achieved the qualifying time in the 5km and or the 10km open water event and participated at SANATOW in either of those events

Colours:

Oxford Blue blazer to be purchased by parent

Scroll depicting Open Water Nationals and the year;

Badge: Closed red rose with gold wreath

Certificate & Small take home trophy

10.3 Top Performer:

Male or Female swimmer for outstanding achievement at open water

10.4 Measurable:

Overall placing

Performance relative to competition

11. HONOURS AWARDS – OPEN WATER SWIMMING

11.1 Recognition:

White Blazer with navy blue braiding;

Scroll depicting SWIMMING/OPEN WATER SWIMMING.

Certificate

11.2 Criteria:

Awarded to a swimmer who has represented Aquatics Gauteng – Ekurhuleni at the SA Open Water Nationals Competition for 4 consecutive years and achieved a top ten finish in their age group or open category in any open water event for 4 consecutive years **excluding** the 1.5km fun event and relay.



12. NATIONALS (Swimming)

12.1 SA SENIOR NATIONALS (Open & Multi Class)

Eligibility:

Participation at Nationals with a minimum of one Senior National Qualifying Time

Recognition:

- District Colours;
Oxford Blue blazer to be purchased by parent
Scroll depicting Senior Nationals and the Year;
Badge for blazer: Full red rose with gold wreath
Certificate & small take home trophy

Other Awards:

- Top EGA Performer (Male **and** Female)
Trophy and Certificate

12.2 Youth Nationals (Ages 17 - 24)

Eligibility:

Participation at Nationals with a minimum of one Youth National Qualifying Time

Eligibility Clarification for Top Performer Youth Nationals:

“The Youth Nationals Top Performer award will be awarded to swimmers who have qualified under Youth National qualifying standards. Swimmers who have qualified for Senior Nationals and are competing at Youth Nationals disqualifies the swimmer from this award.” The Swimmer will be recognized for the higher award.

Recognition:

- District Colours;
Oxford Blue blazer to be purchased by parent
Scroll Depicting Youth Nationals and the Year;
Badge for blazer: Full white rose with white wreath
Certificate & small take home trophy

Other Awards:

- Top EGA Performer (Male **and** Female)
Trophy and Certificate

**** Youth Nationals award criteria is subject to National Competition rule amendments made by Swim South Africa such as age for participation and qualifying times ****



12.3 Junior Nationals

Eligibility:

Participation at Junior Nationals with a minimum of one Qualifying Time within the prescribed age groups

Recognition:

- Colt Colours;
Oxford Blue blazer to be purchased by parent
Scroll depicting Junior Nationals and the Year;
Badge for blazer: Full white rose with bronze wreath
Certificate & small take home trophy

Other Awards:

- Top EGA Performer (Male **and** Female)
Trophy and Certificate
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13. HONOURS AWARDS - SWIMMING

Recognition:

- White Blazer with navy blue braiding;
- Scroll depicting SWIMMING/OPEN WATER SWIMMING.
- Certificate

Criteria:

Awarded to a swimmer who has represented Aquatics Gauteng – Ekurhuleni at SA Senior Nationals for 3 consecutive years.

14. COACH OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Eligibility:

Coach must be a fully paid-up registered coach with EGA;
Automatic disqualification if the Coach is not registered correctly.

Recognition:

- Junior Coach of the Year: Trophy & Certificate
- Senior Coach of the Year: Trophy & Certificate



Junior Coach of the Year

Note: This award is not determined by the age of the Coach

Measurables:

Performance of Swimmers at Level 2 & 3; SA Junior Nationals

Coach is awarded points for Swimmer's participation at these competitions

Coach is awarded points for medals won at competitions from Level to up to international level.

Senior Coach of the Year

Measurables:

Performance of Swimmers at SA Junior Nationals, Youth Nationals; Senior Nationals and Swimmers selected for International Teams

Coach is awarded points for Swimmer's participation at these competitions

Coach is awarded points for medals won at competitions from Level to up to international level.

Points Allocation:

Swimmers Participation at	Points
SSA Level 2	20
SSA Level 3	30
SA Junior Nationals	40
SA Youth Nationals	50
SA Senior Nationals	60
SA Open Water Nationals	60
International Team Selection	100

Points awarded to coach per medal won:

- Gold: 10
 - Silver: 9
 - Bronze: 8
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15. INTERNATIONAL TEAM SELECTION

These are Acknowledgement awards that are presented to Swimmers that have been selected to represent South Africa at various international events based on team selection from 01 June to 30 April.

Recognition:

- Certificate & Voucher
(The voucher is subject to the financial standing of the district at the time of the awards)

Medals won and records broken should be recognized at the same time

Team Selection & Non-Participation

- If a swimmer is selected but cannot participate the Coach/Club is to notify EGA in writing that the swimmer will not be participating in the competition they were selected for;
- If a swimmer is selected by Swim South Africa or SASCOC without the knowledge of the District the onus is on the Coach/Club is to notify EGA in writing that their swimmer has been selected for competition. IE: If a swimmer/parent is contacted directly by Swim South Africa or SASCOC and no official team announcement is received by the District.

16. SPIRIT TROPHY

The Spirit Trophy is presented to an individual (Swimmer or Parent) or Swimming Club who embodies the true spirit of dedication and values of the aquatic community through unwavering support, commitment and service to others.

Recognition:

Trophy & Certificate

Awarded by the LOC Chairperson for outstanding:

- Team spirit
- Sportsmanship
- Leadership



17. SWIMMER OF THE YEAR

Recognition:

Trophy & Certificate

Awarded at the discretion of the EGA President based on:

- Commitment
- Dedication
- Ambassadorship
- Performance

18. PRESIDENTS AWARD

Recognition:

Trophy & Certificate

Awarded at the discretion of the EGA President based on:

- Excellence
- Contribution
- Leadership
- Ambassadorship

This recipient can be a Swimmer, Committee Member, Community Member, Swimming Parent, Swimming Club, Sponsor, Volunteer, EGA Employee or a Corporate Company who has shown excellence, camaraderie and ambassadorship in the sport of aquatics.

19. DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

Recognition:

Trophy & Certificate

Awarded at the club that has earned the most combined points at the EGA Summer Championship