

## **ILMSA application procedure for Coach of the Year Award**

ILMSA initiated a new award in 2000 with the goal of recognizing ILMSA coaches who are building our membership in our local communities through their contributions in coaching masters swimmers. The award is presented to honor the best of the ILMSA coaches, recognizing our most valuable resource in Club development and overall, Masters swimming participation. The sacrifices that many coaches make behind the scenes often go unnoticed by the majority of swimmers in their clubs and workout groups. While it may take time and effort to sustain pool time, club and workout group membership, meet preparations and coaching on deck, there are some coaches who go well beyond what their team requires. These coaches have an impact on the coaches and swimmers around them.

The award is given to that ILMSA Masters swimming coach of either a club or a workout group who best embodies the passion, dedication, and heart that coaches bring to the pool deck. Each year one ILMSA coach is designated the Coach of the Year award winner, from the nominations received by the ILMSA Board of Directors. Only the first three nominations received for a person nominated will be considered. A past recipient may be nominated, based upon a current year's coaching service.

To make a nomination, submit a one-page letter addressed to Chair, ILMSA Awards & Recognition, citing the reasons why the person deserves recognition and the award for the current year. **Emails will be sent to all membership in the winter months advising the opening and closing dates to make a nomination for the Coach of the Year Award.**

Each year emails will be sent to all membership announcing the opening of nominations and the date that nominations must be received.

Include:

- The name, club and team affiliation, address, telephone number, e-mail address for the person nominating (who is registered for the current year with USMS/ILMSA);
- The name, club and team affiliation, address, telephone number, e-mail address for the person being nominated (who is registered for the current year with USMS/ILMSA);
- Whether the person being nominated is registered with USMS as a coach;
- Whether the person being nominated has USMS coach's certification, and the level, if known;
- What coaching service or services were performed, and the period for which they were performed;
- The impact of the coaching service or services to new programs or to improving ongoing programs;
- The scope of the coaching services including the effect on members who have benefitted.

**Submit nominations or questions about this award electronically: [awards@ilmsa.com](mailto:awards@ilmsa.com)**