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1. Swimmer of the Year

This trophy is presented to the swimmer who, in the preceding year has, in the opinion of the Executive, been an outstanding New Zealand swimmer at national and/or at international level. While performance is the main criterion, the Executive, assisted by the National Recorder, also considers the extent of participation in New Zealand Masters swimming events.

2. Certificate of Achievement

Certificates are presented to those swimmers who, while not being awarded the Swimmer of the Year trophy, have demonstrated outstanding performances throughout the year at national and/or international level. The 'Certificate of Achievement' recipients are chosen by the Executive with the assistance of the National Recorder.

3. Service Awards

Any member of NZMS can nominate another member for a Service award. Nominations close with the National Secretary on 31 December for the preceding year. Forms can be found on the website or from the National Secretary.

Criteria for this award:

- Available for members who have shown outstanding service to clubs or regions, usually over a lengthy period, usually five years or more.
- 'Service' may be by representation on club committees, non-executive service within clubs, by contributions, events or activities from which Master swimmers have benefited.
- The award should be reserved for those individuals who have achieved the respect and admiration of their clubs and members.

4. Life Membership Awards

Any member of NZMS can nominate another member for a Life Membership award. Nominations close with the National Secretary on 31 December for the preceding year. The NZMS National Council, acting upon a recommendation by the Executive, may bestow life membership upon any member of NZMS.

Nomination forms on the website or from the National Secretary.

Criteria for Life Membership:

- Exceptional service performed in a largely voluntary capacity to Masters Swimming over a lengthy period, usually ten years or more.
- Clubs or individuals making nominations for life membership are instructed to keep this confidential, especially from the person being nominated, to avoid disappointment. Nominations not made in confidence will not be considered.

- This ordinarily includes representation on NZMS Executive and /or other services to Masters Swimming at national and/or international level such as FINA committees.
- The award should be reserved for those individuals who enjoy wide respect of NZMS for services given and abilities shown.

5. National Long Course Championship Awards

5.1. Medals are awarded to the first three places in every event, in every age group, in both male and female events. Hosting clubs may use alternative trophies with the approval of the executive.

5.2. Relay ribbons are awarded to all swimmers in the teams achieving the first three places in every relay event, in every age group.

5.3. The trophies awarded at the National Long Course Championships are:

- **Ngairi Prentice Flying Squadron** - awarded to the winning region in the Flying Squadron Relay, made up of three male and three female swimmers from the same region.
- **Top Club Trophy** – awarded to the club obtaining the most points at the National Long Course Championships. Points are awarded as follows:
1st – 6 points; 2nd – 4 points; 3rd – 3 points; 4th – 2 points; 5th – 1 point
- **Peter Wilson Shield** – awarded to the swimmer(s) whom the organising committee considers has contributed the most to the Spirit of Masters swimming – 'Fun, Fitness and Friendship'.
- **Bob McClure Medal** – awarded to the winner of the 400m IM in the 65 - 69 age group.

6. North Island and South Island Championship Awards

6.1. Medals are awarded to the first three places, based on a points system, in every age group, in both male and female events.

6.2. Relay ribbons are awarded to all swimmers in the teams achieving the first three places in every relay event, in every age group.