



***Wisconsin Swimming, Inc***  
***Official of the Year Award*** (April 2009)

**Purpose:** Wisconsin Swimming, Inc. and the Officials Committee wish to recognize a Stroke and Turn Judge and a Starter/Referee for their outstanding contributions to Wisconsin Swimming. Each year, one Stroke and Turn Judge and one Starter/Referee may be selected from those nominated by their peers. The selected Officials will receive plaques from Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.

**Procedure:**

1. One USA Swimming certified Stroke and Turn Judge Official and one Starter/Referee Official may be recognized annually.
2. The Officials Committee Chair will post an application for “Officials of the Year Award” on the Wisconsin Swimming, Officials web site.
3. Wisconsin Swimming Officials will solicit nominations from among all USA Swimming/Wisconsin Swimming certified Officials, coaches and those involved in Wisconsin Swimming.
4. The Selection Committee will consist of the Officials Committee Chair, Officials Committee Vice Chair, and three (3) other members of the Officials Committee elected annually by the Officials Committee.
5. The Vice-Chair of the Officials Committee will chair the Selection Committee and will receive the nominations.
6. Members of the Selection Committee are not eligible for the award.
7. The Selection Committee meets in May to review nominations and to select recipients; the full Official Committee confirms or rejects the recipients at the May Officials Committee Meeting.
8. The Officials Committee Chair will announce the “Officials of the Year” at the June LSC House of Delegated meeting.
9. The “awards,” not to exceed \$100 each, will be presented during the LSC 13 & Older Long Course Championship Meet.

**Selection Criteria for Consideration:**

1. Current member of USA Swimming.
2. A currently certified Wisconsin Swimming Official in good standing as a Starter/Referee or as a Stroke and Turn Judge Official.
3. Made significant contributions to Wisconsin Swimming through outstanding performance or experience in the capacity as an Official.