

#CYA!

Club Youth Awards

SWIM IRELAND

Club Youth Awards information

Thank you for your Club's interest in the Club Youth Awards. The Club Youth Awards have been designed to recognise young people's achievements outside what they do as part of their sport i.e. the CYA are not linked to PB's, times, competition success, medals achieved etc.

Achieving a CYA concentrates on young people's involvement with their squad, team and club and is aimed at identifying and recognising the effort and commitment young people show in other areas connected with being in their club.

Making the decisions

The information sheet shows the criteria for the CYA, with suggestions for who may be involved with deciding on the awards. The CCO should meet with the coaches and the committee to agree who will be responsible for monitoring and then making the decision on the awards for the club; this must be clear for any club members who are taking part. Suggestions and examples are included to help you decide. The CCO should ensure the information is available for young people and parents.

To receive the certificates and pins to recognise the achievements of the young people in the club you will need to submit an [online order form](#). However, young people have also indicated they favour receiving club gear or equipment and we would encourage clubs to plan for this as an addition when ordering club kit.

Once you have made your decision, order the required number of awards and then you can present the successful young people with the Swim Ireland Club Youth Award pin and certificate

Next actions

- ✓ Receive the details (enclosed) for the awards
- If required, there is an A4 poster for pool notice boards and information on the award criteria
- Agree who is responsible for nomination and decision within the club
- Help young people in the club by telling them (and their parents) about the awards and guide their activities during the year to work towards a CYA
- [Complete order form online](#) with the numbers of recipients and awards required
- At your annual awards event in the club present the young people with the awards alongside any other club awards (let your Regional Support Officer know when this is)



Contact the Youth Development Department for queries katehills@swimireland.ie

EFFORT

This award will be given where young people are consistently achieving the following elements:

Meaning	Criteria - To be achieved throughout the season	Examples	Selection made by
Be on time	Achieve 90% attendance of scheduled sessions and be on time for 90% of attended sessions or activities	Turn up and be ready to start session on time	Coach/committee record of attendance checked
Meet a challenge	Spend time to meeting a set challenge - either a personal goal or a club based objective; be able to reflect on progress to reaching this challenge	Discuss a specific challenge with the coach	Coach - agree outcome with coach and monitor progress
Master a skill	Master a skill not previously achieved that requires extra time and dedication	Identify a skill that has been a barrier, plan with coach to master the skill.	Coach - agree outcome with coach and monitor progress
Commitment to achieve goals	Agree goals for the season/year with club coach/teacher and show commitment to achieving these. Reflect on progress and reconsider goals if necessary	Show effort and hard work to achieve set goals	Coach - agree goals with coach and monitor progress

HELPING

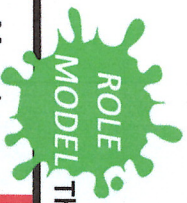
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Help with club training sessions	Regularly help with preparation of sessions and equipment for training sessions; willingly provide help where needed for club galas	Turn up early - help prepare for the session	Coach; record attendance/helping out
Help with club activities outside the usual sessions	Willingly volunteer to help in other activities	Get involved in fundraising, competitions	Coach/committee; record activity
Give support and guidance to the club and/or club mates.	Help with others in the squad or in the club; be welcoming to new members; help younger club members	Agree with coach to assist with other squads	Coach; record activity

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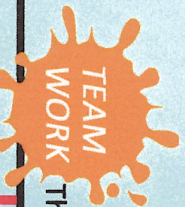
Rewarding Young People

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Interact and work regularly with other young people in the club; set examples of good behaviour	Choose to actively encourage and guide other young people to behave appropriately within the club, lead by example in following the code of conduct	Organise a squad/club code of conduct agreement, help squads to write their own and how they might stick to it	Mainly by coach with input from CCO/other coaches, if young person worked with other squads
Show the qualities of leadership in the club, bring others together into a team environment	Encourage other club members to work together and help to resolve issues and conflicts; make sure everyone is included, and encourage new and existing athletes towards personal goals	Mentor new athletes; organise feedback sessions, help others voice their views; be kind and encourage others to achieve their goals	Mainly by coach with input from CCO/other coaches, if young person worked with other squads



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Bring club mates together to work as a team	Work with the coach and squad/club by making sure all members of the group participate together and contribute to an overall goal for the squad.	Ensure the team act together when away at, competitions, training sessions or camps; bring the team/squad together to include everyone	Coach/Committee
Work with other people in the club and other associated roles in and out of the club	Work on a club goal by getting team mates, club members and others outside the club together to reach a united outcome for the benefit of the club	Organise social events, competitions, fundraising; in or between clubs.	Coach/Committee