



Date: April 14, 2020

TO: Board Members, Committee Chairs, Judges, Staff, Club Contacts & Head Coaches

FROM: Jen Janzen, Interim Chair Nominations and Recognition Committee
Events and Communications Director, SAS

RE: ***COACH RECOGNITION AWARDS FOR 2019-2020***

Please find attached the criteria for **Saskatchewan Artistic Swimming Coach Recognition Awards for the year 2019-2020**. We understand that this year has been challenging and short-lived but we still need to celebrate those in our SAS community that have gone above and beyond!

We are accepting nominations in the following categories:

- **Sadie Caulder Knight “National Stream” Coach of the Year**
- **Weiner Sisters “Provincial Stream” Coach of the Year**
- **Synchro Sask “Recreational Coach” Coach of the Year**
- **Jami Eistetter “Coaching Excellence” Award**

Please use the attached Coach Profile form and include a covering letter with your nominations.

Deadline for nominations: Wednesday, May 6, 2020. There will be no exceptions.

If you have any questions, please call Jen at (306) 232-7476. You are also welcome to send an email at any time.

Please send nominations to:

Jen Janzen: ecd@saskartisticswimming.ca

I am looking forward to receiving your nominations!

Jen Janzen
Event & Communication Director
Saskatchewan Artistic Swimming

**SASKATCHEWAN ARTISTIC SWIMMING
SADIE CAULDER KNIGHT “NATIONAL STREAM”
COACH OF THE YEAR
FOR THE YEAR 2019-2020**

Sadie Caulder Knight was the pioneer of artistic swimming in Saskatchewan. In 1941, she was the first person to begin teaching the fundamentals of artistic swimming. She developed the province’s first, and for a long time, only progressive artistic swimming program.

In 1957, she took three of her swimmers to the Canadian Championships for the first time, where one of them placed sixth in the solo event. In 1957, the YWCA Synchronettes team placed third in the team event – only 1.2 points behind first place. The first Provincials were held in 1958 and were won easily by “Cauldie’s” girls. Sadie Caulder Knight organized the first Saskatchewan Provincial Section of the Canadian Amateur Synchronized Swimming Association (CASSA -- now known as Canada Artistic Swimming).

The Synchronettes competed every year until Sadie’s retirement in 1965, always placing swimmers in the top ten in Canada, and occasionally bringing home Silver and Bronze medals. This is particularly remarkable, when one considers that her swimmers were all trained in a pool that was only thirteen yards long, nine yards wide and six feet at its deepest point! During Sadie’s final years of coaching, Saskatchewan swimmers were always in contention for the top spots at the National level.

Upon Sadie’s death in 1970, at the age of 72, a group of her former swimmers established a trust fund in her name. Saskatchewan Artistic Swimming now administers the fund and annually presents a “Coach of the Year” award and bursary in her memory.

Criteria:

Some of the attributes of the candidate which will be considered are:

- Family members are not eligible to nominate an individual.
- An eligible candidate is one whose primary coaching responsibility is at the National Stream Competitive Level and has actively coached athletes in Saskatchewan Artistic Swimming’s High Performance program this past competitive year.
- The candidate must be, at the minimum, fully certified at Competition Introduction and working towards Competition Development.
- Competition results progressing from the Marnie Eistetter Figures Meet 2019 through to the abrupt end to the season and must show evidence of swimmer improvement.
- Demonstrates strong coaching and leadership skills.
- Demonstrates traits of a good role model for athletes.

**SASKATCHEWAN ARTISTIC SWIMMING
WEINER SISTERS “PROVINCIAL STREAM”
COACH OF THE YEAR
FOR THE YEAR 2019-2020**

Saskatchewan Artistic Swimming is pleased to recognize a **Provincial Stream Competitive Coach** with the presentation of the **Weiner Sisters Provincial Stream Coach Recognition Award for 2019-2020**.

This recognition award is made possible by the Weiner sisters: Liz, Ruth, and Margot. All three have coached at the Recreational and Age Class levels and total more than 30 years of coaching experience. This award focuses on coaching excellence at the Provincial Stream level and recognizes coaches who have developed and encouraged young athletes.

The award is presented annually by Liz (Weiner) Yaskowich, Ruth Weiner or Margot Weiner or their designate.

Criteria:

- Family members are not eligible to nominate an individual.
- An eligible candidate is one whose primary coaching responsibility is at the Provincial or Limited Provincial Stream Competitive Level and has coached at this level during the past year.
- The candidate must be fully certified, at the minimum, to Artistic Swimming Instructor or Competition Introduction or “in training” for their Competition Introduction.
- Competition results, progressing from the Marnie Eistetter Figures Meet in November 2019 to Diane Lemon Invitational in 2020 and must show evidence of swimmer improvement.
- The candidate must demonstrate a strong commitment to her swimmers through:
 - a) technical upgrading;
 - b) attendance at competitions;
 - c) a positive coaching attitude.

**SASKATCHEWAN ARTISTIC SWIMMING
RECREATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR
FOR THE YEAR 2019-2020**

Saskatchewan Artistic Swimming ‘Recreational’ Coach Recognition Award has been established to recognize the coaching excellence of the Recreational Coaches in both the Winter and Summer Clubs/Programs.

Criteria:

- Family members are not eligible to nominate an individual.
- An eligible candidate is one whose primary coaching responsibility is at the Recreational Level and has coached at this level during the past year. This includes the summer clubs
- The candidate must be fully certified, at the minimum, with Aquago or Competition Introduction.
- The coaching ability of the candidate will be reflected, over the past year, in the improvement of swimmers. If Star testing or LTAD testing are being offered in the club, then improvement based on that program will be taken into consideration.
- Desired leadership characteristics of the candidate include:
 - a) technical knowledge and continuance of coaching upgrading;
 - b) actively contributing to artistic swimming in Saskatchewan.

**SASKATCHEWAN ARTISTIC SWIMMING
JAMI EISTETTER COACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD
FOR THE YEAR 2019-2020**

The Jami Eistetter Coaching Excellence Award recognizes the coaching excellence for those who coach at the **Provincial Stream and/or National Stream** levels.

This award, donated by Marnie Eistetter, is in recognition of her daughter Jami's contribution to coaching in Saskatchewan, at both Provincial and High Performance levels.

Criteria is as follows:

- Family members are not eligible to nominate an individual.
- An eligible candidate is one whose primary coaching responsibility is at the National Stream and/or Provincial Stream and/or Limited Provincial Stream Competitive Level has coached at this level during the past year
- The candidate must be fully certified, at the minimum, with Competition Introduction.
- Competition results progressing from the Marnie Eistetter Figures Meet in November 2019 through to Diane Lemon Invitational in 2020, must show evidence of swimmer improvement.
- For the National Stream Level coach, the swimmers' achievements during the shortened season will be considered.
- Desired leadership characteristics of the candidate should include:
 - a) technical knowledge and upgrading;
 - b) actively contributing to artistic swimming in Saskatchewan;
 - c) a good role model for our athletes.



**SASKATCHEWAN ARTISTIC SWIMMING
COACH PROFILE FORM**

The Selection Committee would request as much supporting data as you can provide, to substantiate your nomination.

Coach Nomination Award: _____

Date Completed: _____ 20__

Nominator: _____ *Relationship to Nominee:* _____

Phone Number: _____ *E-mail address:* _____

Nominee Name: _____ *Phone (Res):* _____

Address: _____ *E-mail address:* _____

City/Town: _____ *Postal Code:* _____

Experience: _____

Reason for Nomination: _____
