

NEW NATIONAL TOP 10 PROGRAM

From USA Swimming website

Note: Currently this does not affect the Connecticut Top 16 program.

The National Age Group Recognition Program recognizes the top 10 in each event by single age, from 11 to 17, and has taken the place of the Top 16. Relays for the Top 10 program will remain as they were under the Top 16 program.

The National Age Group Recognition Program is an awards program for the top level of age group swimmers. All times which are accepted as "official times" by USA Swimming, from sanctioned, approved or observed competition, are eligible for consideration. The swimmer must have been a registered member of USA Swimming at the time of the swim.

The program awards consist of certificates which are awarded to the fastest 10 swimmers of each gender in each recognized event in each single age group, ages 11-17. The awards are made for both short course yard and long course meter events. In addition, the fastest swimmer in each event receives a pin.

Awards are also made to relay teams using standard age group definitions, beginning with ages 11-12 and continuing for 13-14, and 15-18. A club may only have one relay team listed in an event unless the other team or teams are composed only of swimmers not listed on the first.

Certificates and pins are distributed to the LSCs by USA Swimming Headquarters. The age groups used for individual events are 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17. Certificates for ages 11-14 will be sent from USA Swimming to the proper LSC. Blank certificates for ages 15, 16, and 17 will be sent to the LSC upon request. The LSC may print certificates for its athletes in those age groups. Beginning with the 2007-08 season, the age groups for relay events are 11-12, 13-14, and 15-18. Certificates will be sent for ages 11-12 and 13-14 and blank certificates will be sent upon request to the LSC for ages 15-18.

The time frame for each year's recognition is September 1st through August 31st of the following year. Lists are compiled and checked in the fall and the final list prepared and announced prior to the end of the year.

NAG Records will not be affected by this recognition program and will continue as presently implemented