

# AWSA MIDWEST HALL OF FAME

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**Purpose:** The purpose of the AWSA Hall of Fame shall be to honor and perpetuate the names and accomplishments of skiers, pioneers, and officials whose dedication and competitive achievements at State and Regional levels have brought lasting fame to the sport of water skiing especially in the Midwest Region. Permanent recognition on the AWSA Midwest webpage and a plaque will be presented to the inductee at a ceremony performed at the Midwest Regional Banquet. Inductions generally take place annually for those elected by the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

## **Rules and Requirements for Nominations:**

1. Any AWSA Midwest Member will be allowed to submit nominations to the Hall of Fame Committee.
2. Any nominations will need to be submitted in writing to the Hall of Fame Committee Chair. Verbal nominations will not be accepted.
3. Nominations are due by December 1st.
4. Committee will consist of the Regional Awards Chair as the HOF Committee Chair and the State Council Representative from each state.
5. If a state council representative is being nominated, the regional EVP will take their voting spot on the Hall of Fame Committee.
6. Not mandatory to be awarded every year.
7. Approval from  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the state council representatives will approve the nomination.

## **Categories:**

1. Competitive Water Skiers as recognized by AWSA
2. Water Ski Pioneers
3. Water Ski Officials and Technicians

## **Eligibility for Competitive Water Skiers:**

1. Must be a member of one of the states within the Midwest Region for a minimum of 5 years.
2. Slalom, Trick, and/or Jump Skiers are eligible.
3. Must have qualified for the regional and national championships for a minimum of 5 years.

**Eligibility for Water Ski Pioneers:**

1. This category is neither defined nor definable, but it is intended for people whose contributions to the sport do not fall into the other categories. Ralph Samuelson and Dick Pope, Sr. are examples. Those whose principal contributions are as water skiing officials should not be considered as pioneers. Individuals whose qualifications relate to the development of a specific discipline should be considered, based on the importance of their contributions to the sport of water skiing as a whole.

**Eligibility for Water Ski Officials and Technicians:**

1. The term "official" is intended to encompass a wide range of functions within the sport.
2. Primary consideration is given to contributions to the sport as a judge, driver, scorer, safety, AWSA Midwest officer, AWSA officer, and any other AWSA Midwest or AWSA equivalent positions.
3. Minimum of 10 years of service to the sport.
4. Selection shall not be based on an isolated outstanding incident. Length of time in service, without contributing significantly to the progress of the sport is not sufficient. Emphasis is on achievements, not on offices held or time served.