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ASCA AND FITTER & FASTER ANNOUNCE 2026 TOP AGE GROUP COACHES

The American Swimming Coaches Association (ASCA) and Fitter & Faster are pleased to announce the 2026 TOP 25 AGE GROUP COACHES OF THE YEAR for small, medium, large and extra-large teams.

The results were compiled by USA Swimming's data staff and ASCA staff using data from the SWIMS database. The results include swimmers ages 10-14 with qualifying time standards from the 2025 Long Course season and 2025-26 Short Course season. Coaches of record were collected for swimmers who achieved these times to populate these 2026 Top Age Group Coach lists.

The top 5 finalists for each category will be announced on July 15, 2026. All 20 finalists will be introduced and presented with awards on September 9, 2026, on stage at the ASCA World Clinic at the Rosen Centre Resort in Orlando. Then, the winners for each division will be revealed! For more information on the 2026 ASCA World Clinic in Orlando, go to www.ascaworldclinic.com

Congratulations to the following outstanding coaches (*in alphabetical order*):

SMALL TEAMS (fewer than 76 swimmers)

Name	Club	LSC
Rich Bennetts	Farmington Family Y Stingrays	MI
Matt Benedict	Roadrunners of Albuquerque Aquatic Club	NM
Sam Busch	Ventana Canyon Swim Team	AZ
John Chen	Xtreme Swim Club	NE
Michael Curley	Highlander Aquatic Club	FL
Stephen Duckett	Roadrunners of Albuquerque Aquatic Club	NM
Oleksandr Filimonov	BeFirst Swim Team	MA
Robert Fletcher	Thibodaux Regional Swim Club	LA
Jeff Helms	Conroe Area Team Swimmers	GU

Name	Club	LSC
Nazarii Kosylo	SwimRight Team	FG
Rebecca Kuhn	Fort Meigs YMCA Stingrays	OHO
Robert MacLeod	Uncle Sam Swim Team	AD
Tim Manley	Anthem Arizona Swim Club	AZ
Todd Mann	Highlander Aquatic Club	FL
Dan Morse	Anthem Arizona Swim Club	AZ
Daniel Olsen	YMCA of Middletown Barracudas	MR
Kevin Pan	Dragon Swim Team	PV
Lori Petrimoulx	Columbia Swimming	SC
Kevin Rosepapa	Berkeley Aquatics	FL
Andrew Scheerhorn	West Michigan Swimmers	MI
Jim Skirboll	Racer X Aquatics	AM
Dave Stannert	Fort Meigs YMCA Stingrays	OHO
Ryan Wedl	YMCA of the Chippewa Valley Barracudas	WI
Cindy Woods	Lynchburg Aquatic Club	VA

MEDIUM TEAMS (76-175 swimmers)

Name	Club	LSC
Tim Bean	Treasure Coast Aquatics	FL
Michael Brooks	York YMCA	MA
Kevin Clements	South Orange County Aquatics	CA
Susan Curnutte	Tampa Bay Aquatic Club	FL
Cristian Davalos	Stamford Sailfish Aquatic Club	CT
Mujahid El-Amin	Dekalb Aquatics	GA
Olga Espinosa	St Croix Swim Club	MN
Brennan Gravley	Hydro Swim Club	FL
Don Heidary	Orinda Aquatics	PC
Judy Lalier	St Croix Swim Club	MN
Sean McCrudden	Lakeland Hills YMCA	NJ
Jeremiah Moren	Michigan Lakeshore Aquatics	MI
Chris Morgan	Revolution Aquatic Club	NE
Tenzin Norbu	Twisters Swim Club	MR
Juan Carlos Ramirez	Blue Marlins of Hialeah Garden	FG
Rich Rogers	Florida Atlantic Aquatics	FG
Miranda Rowan	Club Husker	MW
Skyler Shinn	Highlands Ranch Aquatics	CO

Name	Club	LSC
Stephanie Toth	Aquatic Team Of Mecklenburg	NC
Kevin Vargas	SwimRise Aquatics	FL
Max Verheyen	Loyola Blakefield Aquatics	MD
Ronson Webster	Supernova Swim Team	MI
Lou Williams	Germantown Academy Aquatic Club	MA
Greg Yarnall	Lakeland Hills YMCA	NJ
Jen Zhen	Whitewaters Swimming	NJ

LARGE TEAMS (176-350 swimmers)

Name	Club	LSC
Dwight Anderson	Bellevue Club Swim Team	PN
Brent Arckey	Sarasota Sharks	FL
John Bruenning	Sarasota Sharks	FL
Jessica Chen	Los Angeles Swim Club	CA
Matthew Craven	Shawmut Aquatic Club	NE
Laura Koch Davis	Swim Streamline at Northampton	GU
Jeff Debettencourt	NASA Wildcat Aquatics	IL
Frank DeMaria	Blue Tide Aquatics	GU
Kristen Foley	Southwest Stars Swim Club	FL
Annie Gosselin	FMC Aquatic	IL
Carolyn Grevers	Patriot Aquatic Club	IL
Bryan Haile	Riverside Aquatics Association	CA
Patricia Helgren	Sarasota Sharks	FL
Tom Himes	North Baltimore Aquatic Club	MD
Sam Ida	Gold Medal Swim Club	AZ
Heather Jorris	The Woodlands Swim Team	GU
Larry Jukes	Laker Swim	FL
Ira Klein	Sarasota Tsunami Swim Team	FL
Deryl Leubner	FMC Aquatic	IL
XIN LI (Leon Li)	Pacific Dragons Swim Team	PN
Brian Pajer	Aquazot Swim Club	CA
Amy Silvestri	Madison Aquatic Club	WI
Colton Spark	Blue Tide Aquatics	GU
Dwayne Stewart	Bellevue Club Swim Team	PN
Jason Swaim	Cavalier Aquatics/Piedmont Family YMCA	VA

EXTRA-LARGE TEAMS (351+ swimmers)

Name	Club	LSC
Christopher Barber	Sandpipers Of Nevada	CA
Jonathan Brandt	North Carolina Aquatic Club	NC
Raven Chastain	Nitro Swimming	ST
Nikita Denisyako	Santa Clara Swim Club	PC
Scott Erdman	Hinsdale Swim Club	IL
Leah Foreman-Keiser	Aquajets Swim Team	MN
Dave Greene	Rockville Montgomery Swim Club	PV
Rod Hansen	Irvine Novaquatics	CA
Hailey Hewitt	Asphalt Green Unified Aquatics	MR
Mark Imig	CSP Tideriders	OZ
David Jimenez	Rose Bowl Aquatics	CA
Kyle Johnson	Carmel Swim Club	IN
Russ Kasl	SwimMAC Carolina	NC
Colin Kennedy	Cypress Fairbanks Swim Club	GU
Chris Natoli	Nation's Capital Swim Club	PV
Peter Odonnell	Long Island Aquatic Club	MR
Luba Pohilenco	Santa Clara Swim Club	PC
Dale Porter	Bolles School Sharks	FL
Kit Raulerson	SwimMAC Carolina	NC
Ryan Roy	SwimAtlanta	GA
Katie Schmidt	Mason Manta Rays	OHO
David Schreck	NOVA of Virginia Aquatics, Inc	VA
Nathan Smith	Lakeside Swim Team	KY
Maryanne Svoboda	Cypress Fairbanks Swim Club	GU
Sherwood Watts	North Carolina Aquatic Club	NC

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