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ASCA AND FITTER & FASTER ANNOUNCE 2025 TOP AGE GROUP COACHES

Fort Lauderdale, FL – The American Swimming Coaches Association (ASCA) and Fitter & Faster are pleased to announce the 2025 TOP 25 AGE GROUP COACHES OF THE YEAR for small, medium and large teams.

The results were compiled using a dataset provided by USA Swimming's data scientists of swimmers ages 10-14 with qualifying time standards from the 2024 Long Course season and 2024-25 Short Course season. Coaches of record were collected for swimmers who achieved these times to populate the 2025 Top Age Group Coach lists.

This year, there will be three winners of the Fitter & Faster ASCA Age Group Coach of the Year (one for each size category). Winners will be revealed on September 2, 2025, on the opening night of the ASCA World Clinic at the Peppermill Reno Resort. The top 5 finalists for each category will be announced on July 16, 2025. The finalists will be introduced and presented with awards by Fitter & Faster at World Clinic. For more information on the 2025 ASCA World Clinic in Reno, go to www.ascaworldclinic.com.

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

Small Teams (less than 200 athletes)

Coach	Team Name - LSC
Anna Abakumova	Clifton Boys & Girls Club -Seahawks - NJ
Will Barker	Champaign Cnty YMCA - IL
Dragos Coca	Twisters Swim Club - MR
Matt Cox	Germantown Academy Aquatic Club - MA
Chris Fay	Northern KY Clippers Swimming - KY
Long Gutierrez Feng	Crow Canyon Sharks - PC
Brennan Gravley	Hydro Swim Club - FL
Rick Guenther	Corvallis Aquatic Team - OR
Don Heidary	Orinda Aquatics - PC
Andrew Marsh	Surge Aquatics - ST
Alex Nowjack	King Aquatic Club - PN
Kevin Pan	Dragon Swim Team - PV
Nick Rice	Bluefish Swim Club - NE
Alex Roberts	Life Time Southeast - SE

Paul Root	Arizona Dolphins - AZ
Thomas Schwingen	Patriot Aquatic Club - IL
Jim Skirboll	Racer X Aquatics - AM
Gabriela Sofia	Highlands Ranch Aquatics - CO
Gwen Sorensen	Des Moines Swimming Federation - IA
Ronson Webster	Supernova Swim Team - MI
Patrick Wenzel	Allegheny North Swim Club - AM
Ryan Woodruff	Lynchburg YMCA Swim Team - VA
Connie Wu	Stamford Sailfish Aquatic Club - CT
Kevin Zakrzewski	Patriot Aquatic Club - IL
Jen Yingjuan Zhen	Whitewaters Swimming - NJ

Medium Teams (201-400 athletes)

Coach	Team Name
Brian Pajer	Aquazot Swim Club - CA
John Alaimo	Asphalt Green Unified Aquatics - MR
Dwight Anderson	Bellevue Club Swim Team - PN
Joshua Billotte	North Coast Aquatics - SI
JB Bruenning	Sarasota Sharks - FL
Tony Carroll	Club Wolverine - MI
Frank DeMaria	Blue Tide Aquatics - GU
Andrew Eckhart	Sarasota Sharks - FL
Justin Fernandez	Chicago Wolfpack Aquatic Club - IL
Carle Fierro	Westchester Aquatic Club - MR
Kristen Foley	Southwest Stars Swim Club - FL
Kyle Goodrich	Central Ohio Aquatics - OH
Tom Himes	North Baltimore Aquatic Club - MD
Ira Klein	Sarasota Tsunami Swim Team - FL
Emmanuel Lanzo	Ridgefield Aquatic Club - CT
Deryl Leubner	FMC Aquatic - IL
Joe Loftus	Pleasanton Seahawks - PC
Pedro Pereira	Bellevue Club Swim Team - PN
Kian Quigley	Parkway Swim Club - OZ
Franz Resseguie	Tualatin Hills Swim Club - OR
Andreas Roestenberg	New Jersey Race Club - NJ
Jason Swaim	Cavalier Aquatics/Piedmont Family YMCA - VA
David Tambuwun	San Ramon Valley Aquatics - PC
Graham Thatcher	757 Swim - VA
Joey Waldorf	NASA Wildcat Aquatics - IL

Large Teams (greater than 400 athletes)

Coach	Team Name
Mikaela Bagley	Minnetonka Swim Club - MN

Richard Barth	Alto Swim Club - PC
Allison Brol	Nitro Swimming - ST
Michael Casper	Lakeside Swim Team - KY
Joe Finke	Saint Petersburg Aquatics - FL
Dave Greene	Rockville Montgomery Swim Club - PV
Rod Hansen	Irvine Novaquatics - CA
David Jimenez	Rose Bowl Aquatics - CA
Kyle Johnson	Carmel Swim Club - IN
Mike Julian	NOVA of Virginia Aquatics, Inc - VA
Russ Kasl	SwimMAC Carolina - NC
Nick Kulick	Occoquan Swimming - PV
Ken Maczuga	Phoenix Swim Club - AZ
Mike Mahroum	SwimAtlanta - GA
Luke Nelson	NOVA of Virginia Aquatics, Inc - VA
Robert Norman	TAC Titans - NC
Peter O'Donnell	Long Island Aquatic Club - MR
Ricky Perez	Tide Swimming - VA
Christopher Pfaffenroth	North Carolina Aquatic Club - NC
Alan Pfau	TAC Titans - NC
Luba Pohilenco	Santa Clara Swim Club - PC
Dale Porter	Bolles School Sharks - FL
Trent Sandwisch	Texas Ford Aquatics - NT
Nathan Smith	Lakeside Swim Team - KY
Sherwood Watts	North Carolina Aquatic Club - NC

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