

2014 Athlete of the Year Nominations

Female Athlete of the Year

Name: Mayra de Leon

Age: 18

Sport: Synchronized Swimming

Team: Los Angeles AquaNymphs

Coming from an inner city Los Angeles novice team, Mayra joined our club in 2011 to further develop and advance her synchro skills. Starting as a 16-17 intermediate swimmer in her first season with the team, Mayra quickly learned the skills she needed to advance to 16-17 age group for the following 2012-2013 season. Within her synchro career with the AquaNymphs, Mayra has attended age group Nationals twice, first as a 16-17 team member and then again in 2014 as a 18-19 duet & 18-19 trio and has received an average score of 61.4909, placing 7th in figures for the Orange Blossom Invitational. A recent graduate from Palisades Charter high school, Mayra will continue to swim with the team for her last season as an 18-19 age grouper, as she enters her freshmen year of college. Besides being a dedicated athlete, she is also very supportive to the younger athletes on our team. When needed, she is always willing to volunteer and assist our novice and intermediate coach and aspires to become a coach after she finishes swimming. Mayra also volunteers at local swimming facilities to help their novice swimmers. She is always willing to share her knowledge and expertise in synchronized swimming. As a coach, it has always impressed me how dedicated she is. Mayra has always been a joy to coach and is always consistent in making it to practices. She is a model athlete and I am pleased to nominate her for this award and she deserves it for all her hard work and dedication to the sport throughout her years with the Los Angeles AquaNymphs.

Sport Athletes of the Year

Badminton: Ali Viettery & Gina Niph

Basketball: Corry Brown & Naomi Noguera

Jr. Lifeguards: Riley Ferguson & Megan Slovatzki

Judo: Isiah Ramirez & Valeria Torres

Rugby: Justin Peterson & Johanna Pasutin

Skateboarding: Brighton Zeuner

Synchronized Swimming: Mayra de Leon

Table Tennis: Sohan Kandadi

Track & Field: Arielle McKenzie & Nicholas Agbede

Water Polo: Clair Alfano & Daniel Dedina

Weightlifting: Greg Bommeroto