

Swimmer Heat Awards and Participation Awards

All the teams are using electronic entries. These entries are seeded into one or more heats for each event. "Swim Heat Award" ribbons are given out for the first three finishers in each heat. We no longer make the distinction between carded and ribbon swimmers at this point. When the final results for the event are tallied, the top three finishers will receive carded award ribbons and score points for the team.

There should be an area set up where persons are assigned to give out the heat ribbon awards as soon as the swimmers finish their race for that heat in that event. We give out first (blue), second (red), and third (white) place ribbons.

The procedure is as follows:

1. There needs to be designated place pickers for each heat. One for first, one for second, one for third, and one for fourth in case one of the top three is disqualified.
2. After the race has completed gather up the swimmers and take them aside away from the starting blocks so the next event can proceed.
3. Give the officials sufficient time to contact any swimmers who have been disqualified and mark their entry sheets accordingly.
4. Next the place pickers determine who got 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place based on their place pick and what the DQ's were, and give out the appropriate ribbons. If a swimmer is disqualified (DQ) they do NOT get a ribbon. Do the best job you can here ... it may not be perfect.
5. If there is more than one heat for a single event, treat each heat as a separate race and give out ribbons for each heat.
6. If the heat includes some combined events, each event is treated as a separate race also. The combined events should be designated in the heat sheets.
7. The timing sheets for each lane will have multiple heats per sheet and need to go to the meet computer person for recording the swim times.
8. Heat ribbons are only given to the 14 and under age groups.

Participation Ribbons

The participation ribbons are to be used for the 10 and under freestyle events only for swimmers that did not receive a first, second, or third place ribbon. This applies to all of the heats. This means every swimmer in events 71 through 76 will get a ribbon of some kind.

The extra participation ribbons are to be used by the team coach as appropriate.