

TERMS, DEFINITIONS & ELIGIBILITY

TEAM MEMBER:

A team member is a competitor, who is a child, of a full-family member in good standing of the Severn River Swim Club. Parents of the competitor have registered the team member and paid the team fee. The swimmer must be able to swim one length of the pool by June 18. Swimmers must not have reached the age of 18 before August 7 of the prior year.

DUAL MEET:

One of five regular CMSL league meets held between two teams from the same division. Competitors must swim in their own age group--they are: 6 & under (for free, back and relays), 8 & under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, and 15-18. Age is determined by the swimmer's age on May 30 of the current season. Team division records are kept and an award is given to the team who wins their division.

****SPECIAL MEETS (entry fees required & are paid with team funds):**

CROFTON NOVICE MEET:

A weekday evening meet for swimmers who have not placed first or second in dual meets. Many place ribbons are awarded. A voluntary sign-up will be posted on the bulletin board. Parents are required to volunteer at this meet. No team score kept.

DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The six teams within one CMSL division send swimmers to this meet. Competitor must be a team member and have swum in at least two dual meets. The team is limited to three swimmers per event, and no swimmer can swim in more than three events. The coach makes the final decision as to which swimmers will be entered. No team score is kept. Also known as the "trophy meet" because trophies are awarded to 1st through 3rd places. Parent volunteers are also needed at this meet.

STRAEHLE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

A competitor must be a team member, have swum in at least two dual meets, and have attained a qualifying time (see the Straehle time pages), as established by the League, during a league dual meet (county or practice meet times do not count). Swimmers may not enter more than three individual events and a relay. There are no 6 & under qualifying times and events. A relay swimmer must have been in an official relay at a dual meet that recorded a qualifying time. The coach puts together the best relay after considering a swimmer's time in qualifying relay. This is the **MOST** competitive meet of the season with swimmers from 50 CMSL teams. To make a qualifying time is an accomplishment. No team score is kept.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS:

A huge non-league meet sponsored by SPY Aquatics. The SPY folks group swimmers into S-P-Y groups according to times and ribbons are awarded within each of those groups—your swimmer doesn't have to be the BEST in the county to be rewarded with a ribbon. Points are awarded to those placing within the S (the fastest) grouping. SRSC has won this meet since 1999!!! Let's keep the streak alive! It's the one meet where our swimmers may swim all their school friends—other swim leagues participate. It's a true community event.

**Swimmers entered in special meets who fail to appear for their events will be billed for them (\$4.00 per individual, \$16.00 per relay)

Terms, Definitions & Eligibility (cont.)

AWARDS:

Place ribbons for 1st through 8th are awarded according to the timed place finishing in an individual event at CMSL dual meets. Each relay team member receives a ribbon if their relay placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd. Dual meet place ribbons are distributed on Mondays at the end of each age-group practice. The practice meet is the one exception—place ribbons are awarded to 3rd. Special meets each have their own method of awarding ribbons, medals & trophies.

Heat ribbons are given to the 1st place finisher of all heats **except** the final heat in an event. Not all pools award these, SRSC does. A child may win a heat ribbon but not place in an event because he or she swam in a slower heat.

Best Time Ribbons (the **best** ribbons to receive!) are awarded to a swimmer when he/she attains a personal best time. Best time ribbons show the time for a 25 yard event (Severn River is a 25 yard pool). Times achieved at away meets held in 25 meter pools are converted to yard times using the official CMSL conversion chart. Ribbons are distributed the Monday after each meet.

Super Swimmer ribbons are given to younger swimmers (6 & U and 8 & U) if after a meet they will not be receiving any other ribbons for their effort. The organizers don't want Monday practices (when ribbons are distributed) to be tough for anyone. If your older swimmer needs one, let Susanne know.

Team Participation Trophies are awarded at the end of season team picnic to all swimmers who compete in **at least three dual meets**. The practice meet does not count as a dual meet. Those children not fulfilling this requirement will receive certificates of participation at the team picnic.

Coach's Award is an award of merit given by the coach to particular swimmers for specific contributions/achievements. Each award is explained at the time it is awarded at the team picnic.

Disqualification: When a swimmer is determined to be doing a stroke or a turn illegally by a judge, a time is not recorded, and the swimmer may not place in the event. Best time ribbons can't be awarded because there is no official time. For parents of younger swimmers: Freestyle is just that—any type of stroke or float is allowed no matter how creative or 'free.' Children may even hold on to the lane lines or stand, as long as they do not propel themselves forward in the process. Please do not harass the stroke & turn judges, they generally know their stuff and are only doing their jobs. The coaches will be holding stroke clinics to help swimmers master the finer points of each stroke.

Senior Awards given to team members who are in their last year of eligibility on the team and who have been a team member for at least two seasons. These awards are presented at the last home dual meet. They are a big deal and we hope that many, many swimmers receive them each year. The Shark swim team is always very proud of the Sharks who have stuck with the team over the years.

MISCELLANEOUS TERMS:

Heats: In events with more swimmers than lanes available, the swimmers are grouped into different heats by their times in the event. The fastest swimmers swim in the last heat of an event. Heats should always have at least two swimmers. New team members often don't understand why, if they won their heat, they didn't win the event—please explain to them about heats and times (and stress those important 'Best Time' ribbons!).

Starting System: Severn River has a Colorado 'beep' type starting system, other pools have different methods of starting races. A very few pools use a starting gun. Severn River organizers will attempt to have a Colorado-like system at each pool so that children will not be frightened.

Time Conversions: Because some pools are 25 yards and some are 25 meters (SRSC is a yard pool), confusion occurs over times achieved by a swimmer. A time obtained in a meter pool will be higher than a yard time (unless your child is having a *really* good day) because the pool is longer. Beginning in 1999 the CMSL adopted a new conversion chart based on Meet Manager software that calculates what a meter time (and vice versa) would have been if the race was in a yard pool. Best time ribbons always reflect a yard time, so the time on a Best Time ribbon may differ from the one on a place ribbon obtained at a meter pool because the time has been converted to a yard time.

ORDER OF EVENTS FOR CMSL DUAL MEETS

1.	9-10	Girl	100	IM	29.	8&U	Girl	25	Fly
2.	9-10	Boy	100	IM	30.	8&U	Boy	25	Fly
3.	11-12	Girl	100	IM	31.	9-10	Girl	25	Fly
4.	11-12	Boy	100	IM	32.	9-10	Boy	25	Fly
5.	13-14	Girl	100	IM	33.	11-12	Girl	50	Fly
6.	13-14	Boy	100	IM	34.	11-12	Boy	50	Fly
7.	15-18	Girl	100	IM	35.	13-14	Girl	50	Fly
8.	15-18	Boy	100	IM	36.	13-14	Boy	50	Fly
					37.	15-18	Girl	50	Fly
					38.	15-18	Boy	50	Fly
9A.	6&U	Girl	25	Free	39.	8&U	Girl	25	Breast
9.	8&U	Girl	25	Free	40.	8&U	Boy	25	Breast
10A.	6&U	Boy	25	Free	41.	9-10	Girl	25	Breast
10.	8&U	Boy	25	Free	42.	9-10	Boy	25	Breast
11.	9-10	Girl	50	Free	43.	11-12	Girl	50	Breast
12.	9-10	Boy	50	Free	44.	11-12	Boy	50	Breast
13.	11-12	Girl	50	Free	45.	13-14	Girl	50	Breast
14.	11-12	Boy	50	Free	46.	13-14	Boy	50	Breast
15.	13-14	Girl	100	Free	47.	15-18	Girl	50	Breast
16.	13-14	Boy	100	Free	48.	15-18	Boy	50	Breast
17.	15-18	Girl	100	Free					
18.	15-18	Boy	100	Free					
19A.	6&U	Girl	25	Back	49A.	6&U	Mixed	100	Relay
19.	8&U	Girl	25	Back	49.	8&U	Mixed	100	Relay
20A.	6&U	Boy	25	Back	50.	9-10	Girl	200	Relay
20.	8&U	Boy	25	Back	51.	9-10	Boy	200	Relay
21.	9-10	Girl	25	Back	52.	11-12	Girl	200	Relay
22.	9-10	Boy	25	Back	53.	11-12	Boy	200	Relay
23.	11-12	Girl	50	Back	54.	13-14	Girl	200	Relay
24.	11-12	Boy	50	Back	55.	13-14	Boy	200	Relay
25.	13-14	Girl	50	Back	56.	15-18	Mixed	200	Relay
26.	13-14	Boy	50	Back					
27.	15-18	Girl	50	Back					
28.	15-18	Boy	50	Back					

245 points wins the meet!

THE CENTRAL MARYLAND SWIM LEAGUE OFFICIAL ENTRY CARD

Used for All Dual Meets
Boys will have blue cards; Girls will have yellow cards
In mixed relays the card color may be either blue or yellow

The event number for 15 - 18 boy's 100 yd. Individual Medley
(one length each of back/breast/fly/free)

The swimmer must be sure that he/she
is in the correct **HEAT** and the correct **LANE**.

Seed times are
for heat
and lane assignments

8	<u>Oscar White-Shark</u>			<u>SR</u>		
EVENT	NAME	TEAM	SEED TIME			
100	15-18	Boys	6-U	11-12	25	FREE BACK FLY BREAST RELAY
	4	Girls	8-U	13-14	50	
	LANE	Mixed	9-10			
	CMSL				200	
Watch 1	23.5	23.7			1	
Watch 2	23.9					
Watch 3	23.7	OFFICIAL TIME			PLACE IN EVENT	
FOR LANE RECORDERS			FOR TABLE WORKERS USE ONLY!!			

The recorder will write in the
three watch times from the timers.
The circled time is the median time.
(if a timer forgets to stop or start his/her watch
and only two times are available, the average of those two
times is used at the official time)

The official time and place is recorded
at the scoring table.