



Kiwi West Aquatics Inc.

Recognition of Swimmers

Policy #8

Rationale

Kiwi West Aquatics is proud of the achievement of all of its swimmers and recognises that due to the strength and competitive nature of the Club, many swimmers will excel. They will qualify for national meets, and become holders of Manawatu swimming records and/or New Zealand records and/or title holders, throughout their swimming careers. Achieving national recognition however, via selection to national teams or becoming a New Zealand record/title holder, is an achievement that deserves special recognition by the Club.

Purpose

This policy is designed to ensure that any Kiwi West swimmer, who achieves national recognition be it by way of selection to a national team, i.e., representing New Zealand at some international meet, or who breaks a New Zealand age group or open swimming record, is recognised in some appropriate way by the Club.

Guidelines

1. New Zealand Record Holder

When a swimmer breaks a New Zealand age group or open swimming record for the first time, the swimmer will be presented with a trophy/plaque that includes their name, the date that the record was broken, the stroke swum and the record time. In addition, the certificate from Swimming New Zealand will be framed by or at the expense of the Manawatu Swimming centre.

2. New Zealand Representative

While the Club will formally acknowledge the achievement of swimmers who are selected to represent New Zealand, it recognised that they receive a uniform etc from Swimming New Zealand and therefore the Club will not do anything additional in the way of recognition.

3. Attendance at New Zealand Age Groups

Once a swimmer has qualified for the New Zealand Age Groups meet and joins the Kiwi West team attending the meet for their first time, they will be presented with a 'Kiwi West towel' to commemorate the occasion, which will be presented at a Club Night. This presentation is only made on the swimmer's attendance at their first Age Group meet.

Swimmers who qualify for other National meets will receive recognition at a club night.

- ◆ NZ JUNIORS REPRESENTATIVE
- ◆ NZ SHORT COURSE REPRESENTATIVE
- ◆ NZ OPENS REPRESENTATIVE
- ◆ NZ DIV II REPRESENTATIVE

Conclusion

The recognition of swimmers achieving national status is an important part of the Club's responsibility of encouraging the achievement of high standards and celebrating success. This in no way overlooks the achievement of many swimmers who hold Manawatu Swimming Records, but rather distinguishes the recognition to a more manageable level given the strength and competitive nature of the Club.

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