

Proposal: Awards changes to dual meets

Current wording

D. Awards:

- (1) The home team will provide the official RCSL ribbons used as awards.
- (2) First place individual winners receive the blue ribbon; second place individual winners receive the red ribbon; third place individual winners receive the white ribbon; fourth place individual winners receive the purple ribbon; fifth place individual winners receive the gold ribbon; and sixth place individual winners receive the green ribbon. Each member of a winning relay will receive a blue ribbon, and each member of a second place relay will receive a red ribbon in "A" relays only.
- (3) The home team will turn over the ribbons won by each team to the coach at the conclusion of the meet.

Proposed change:

D. Awards:

- (1) The home team will provide the official RCSL ribbons used as awards.
- (2) *Ribbons will be awarded to swimmers aged 12 and younger***
- (3) First place individual winners receive the blue ribbon; second place individual winners receive the red ribbon; third place individual winners receive the white ribbon; fourth place individual winners receive the purple ribbon; fifth place individual winners receive the gold ribbon; and sixth place individual

winners receive the green ribbon. Each member of a winning relay will receive a blue ribbon, and each member of a second place relay will receive a red ribbon in "A" relays only.

(4) The home team will turn over the ribbons won by each team to the coach at the conclusion of the meet.

(5) *The above applies only to dual meets.*

Rationale:

Awards are a significant expense of the league at 12,500 proposed in the last year. As recently as 2021 we budgeted just \$5000. This shows the increase in cost. In an effort to reward the swimmers who are most excited to receive a memento of their swim accomplishments while reducing potential waste, the proposal imposes an age limit of those 13 and older no longer receiving ribbons.

Analysis-

Per dual meet- 24 ribbons -relays, 96 ribbons- IE

40 dual meets

Savings of 4800 ribbons over the season

Many teams voluntarily curtailed ribbon handout in the last year with minimal to no protest from older swimmers.