

## How swimmers are picked for "A" or "B" meets:

*"B" meets are only for 12 and under swimmers.*

*Many people have asked if their swimmer is on the "A" or "B" team.*

*There isn't really an "A" team or a "B" team. There are "A" times. When a swimmer makes an "A" cutoff time in a particular event, he can no longer swim that event in a "B" meet, however he can still swim other events that he does not have an "A" time in.*

*The coaches can put kids with "B" times in an "A" meet if they need them in certain events or in relays, if they think the swimmer will score. So, swimmers are not selected for any particular team. They can participate in either A or B meets unless a swimmer has ALL "A" times, in which case he can no longer participate in "B" meets in that age group. Once a swimmer ages up to the next age group, there is a new set of "A" qualifying times.*

*You can find the "A" qualifying times for each age group on our website, [www.manchesterswimclub.org](http://www.manchesterswimclub.org). They can be found on the home page on the left by clicking on the button "Rec Time Standards" or on the Rec meet schedule page, at the top by clicking on the button "Rec "A" times".*

*You will know which meets your swimmer will be asked to participate in, when you receive the rec meet sign-up email.*

*Sign-ups for meets are always done by email, so be sure to check your email often so that you don't miss out on any meets.*

**Swimmers will not know what events they are in until the day of the meet.** At that time, they can tell parents which events they are in, or, if we have time, we try to post the events for the parents (this doesn't always happen because we don't have a lot of time).

You can find the order of events on our website on the Rec meet schedule page. At the top of the page you can print out the order of events for B meets or A meets. The order for A meets is the same as A/B meets.

### **NUMBER OF EVENTS ALLOWED:**

*Swimmers can swim up to 2 relays and 2 individual events OR 3 individual events.*

### **RELAYS:**

*Your swimmers may be placed on an A,B, or C relay. Don't worry if your swimmer is in a B relay and you feel they should be in an A relay, or any other combination. Our coaches place kids in relays according to where they feel the team will earn the most points. For example, the four fastest swimmers may be split among 2 relays, to try to get 1st and 2nd, rather than putting the 4 fastest swimmers all in one relay.*