

## AWARDS FROM MEETS

Here's some background on swim meet awards (ribbons and/or medals) and how they are distributed.

First, it is important to note that not all meets offer awards. It is up to the meet host if they want to offer awards or not and the hosting team is also responsible for labeling the awards.

After all heats of the event are raced, the swimmers are ranked by their official finish time. For most meets, swimmers usually are awarded ribbons for finishing from first through eighth in their event. Swimmers who are disqualified will not receive a ribbon. Medals are awarded for at some meets meets and the state championship meets.

Awards, if included by the meet host, are given to Delta coaches at the end of the meet. Parent volunteers gather each swimmer's awards on the Monday following the meet. Generally, awards are distributed informally before/after practice on the table when swimmers come into the pool on the Tuesday following the meet.

The best way to tell what place the swimmer finished in is to look at the results that are posted at the meet, usually on a wall near the observation stands or a hallway near the entrance. You can also check the meet results on our website for each meet, they are typically posted the Tuesday following the meet. Please note that Meet Mobile results are NOT final, nor are they accurate in many cases.

Try as we might to make sure all the kids get all their ribbons, occasionally there is a breakdown in the well-oiled volunteer machine and labels don't get printed correctly at the meet, or ribbons swim home with another team. However, we are committed to trying to make sure swimmers get the ribbons they have earned. Therefore, if your swimmer tells you that he or she is missing a ribbon, please kindly let us know by including your child's name and event number in an email to your coach. We will reach out to the meet host to see if they have the ribbon or if they have extras to provide for the missing ribbon. Typically awards are ordered for exactly what is needed, so please be prepared to hear that the ribbon will not be able to be replaced.