

HEAT RIBBON DISTRIBUTION

The Heat Ribbon Distribution volunteer is responsible for handing out a black Heat Ribbon to the swimmer(s) who finish(es) first in each heat at home meets only.

HOME MEETS ONLY:

Obtain Heat Ribbons from the Stars Head Ribbons volunteer, who works in a room of the Bella Mar clubhouse right behind the Concessions stand.

FOR RELAYS

1. Stand at the end of the pool where the last swimmers in the relay will finish and watch closely to see which swimmer touches the wall first. Keep in mind that underwater touches count.
2. After that swimmer exits the pool, hand a black Heat Ribbon to the swimmer and the other three members of the relay team. You may need to just hand all four of the Heat Ribbons to one team member and ask him/her to distribute them to the other team members.

FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

1. Stand at the end of the pool where the race will finish and watch closely to see which swimmer touches the wall first. Keep in mind that underwater touches count.
2. After that swimmer exits the pool, hand a black Heat Ribbon to the swimmer.

NOTES

- You are awarding the Heat Ribbon to the swimmer who touches first, no matter which team it is.
- You are not judging strokes/exchanges nor is it your concern if a swimmer is disqualified (DQed). Simply give the Heat Ribbon to the swimmer who touches first.
- For a very close race, if you are unsure who touched first, you can give each of the swimmers in question a Heat Ribbon (especially for the younger age groups).
- Although it doesn't happen often, if a swimmer requests a Heat Ribbon because they think they finished first, use your judgment. It's generally best to tell them that you cannot hand out Heat Ribbons after the race is over, and you called it as you saw it. If a swimmer's parent asks you for a Heat Ribbon because they felt their child finished first, their child is devastated, etc., you can again use your judgment but it's ok to give them a ribbon. It's not worth it to get in an argument over a ribbon!