

TIME TRIALS AND REPORT CARDS!!!

Dear Percy Norman Swim Club Parents,

Welcome back for another great season!

As previously mentioned in April, there will be an update on Progress Reports. Effective from this 2014 Fall Session, in order for swimmers to receive Progress Reports, they must attend Time Trials. While we assess technical improvements during practice, Time Trials is a great way to assess improvements in speed. The other reason we have chosen to do this is that timing swimmers during practice is not equivalent to timing them in a race as there are many factors such as crowded lanes and fatigue from previous sets in the practice which hinder their full ability to achieve their best times. Progress Reports are an overview of both improvements in technicality and speed so we believe both should be included on a complete Progress Report. We understand that the date or time of the Time Trials is an issue for some of you, so we may experiment with having the choice of having two days for Time Trials.

In addition, we have also changed the outline for the Progress Reports. Based on the new Progress Reports, we will no longer be giving a rating as we believe giving positive and constructive comments are more beneficial to swimmers. Each group has developed a list of criteria which is expected of swimmers and will be listed on the Progress Reports belonging to each swimmer's respective group.

Lastly, in order for swimmers to move up to the next group, one of the new requirements will be attendance at Time Trials as we believe this is a very important aspect of evaluations.

If you have any questions or concerns about this, please don't hesitate to let us know, we're continually trying to improve ways of evaluating the swimmers and believe this is one of them. We always want to have procedures that are in the best interests of swimmers and parents so any feedback regarding this is welcome.

Sincerely,

The Percy Norman Coaches