

30 June 2009

Dear Secretaries,

Attached are the team lists for the Achiever's and Early Achiever's squad for 2009.

There are changes to squad procedures this season. These changes have been introduced as the result of instructions from Swimming Queensland.



Squad changes include:

- The way squads are selected. We now base selection on the JX formula of achievement.
- The activity the squad undertakes.
- The SQ Boards decision that no swimmer should need to pay to participate in the WB development program.
- The WB development program includes JX clinics, Early Achiever's, Achiever's squads, State relay teams and the SQWBJD program.
- The WB participation program includes junior skills and the development squad trip to New Zealand.

To make the above changes Wide Bay has worked closely with SQ to develop a way that we can manage the change. SQ has provided funding to equate to the parent contribution previously paid by parents.

This is how squads have been selected. We start at criteria number 1. Numbers of eligible swimmers are checked and if needed the next criteria is used. This continues until 50 swimmers for each squad are selected. This year we had to go to criteria 4 for Achievers and criteria 3 for Early Achiever's.

Achiever's Squad: maximum of 50 swimmers (remember parents no longer need to pay the \$60.00 per swimmer they used to pay.)

1. Swimmer has achieved a gold or silver level in the JX program
2. Swimmer is aged 11 to 13 years as of 31 March.
3. Swimmer competed at Wide Bay LC Championships at Noosa.
4. Competed in the 200m IM at Wide Bay LC Championships.

Early Achiever's Squad: maximum of 50 swimmers (remember parents no longer need to pay the \$60.00 per swimmer they used to pay.)

1. Swimmer has achieved a bronze or green level in the JX program
2. Swimmer is aged 11 to 13 years 31 March.
3. Swimmer competed at Wide Bay LC Championships at Noosa.
4. Competed in the 200m IM at Wide Bay LC Championships.

Administration changes:

Squad information is displayed on the website and emailed to each club NOT SWIMMER'S INDIVIDUALLY

It is up to the club to collect swimmer's replies and post back to Wide Bay Swimming. If a reply is not received by the due date swimmers who did not swim the 200mIM at WB LC champs will be invited. Please note it is the parent's responsibility to have their child's reply back to the club promptly. Wide Bay suggests each swimmer's family is contacted by email.

The first activity for each squad is to compete at the Heritage Short Course meet in Maryborough on the 1st and 2nd August. Wide Bay will be paying the nomination fees for swimmers competing.

What you need to do:

Each club needs to email back a list of swimmers accepting the invitation to join the squad. The club race secretary needs to send a list of their nominations to janjopson@widebayswimming.org.au Jan will nominate the swimmers as Wide Bay with the times on the WB database. Wide Bay will pay their nominations. The List and the nominations must be received by Monday 13th July.

Any Queries please contact Michele Watson – michelewatson@widebayswimming.org.au
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Yours in Swimming,

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