

Season Point Score Competition

What is 'Point Score' ?

- Points awarded for improvement against personal best times – all club meets.
- Points tallied for the season with swimmers competing within grades. Season medals awarded in each grade and stroke
- Provides encouragement to improve for all swimmers no matter what their age or ability.

How does it work?

- Points awarded in 50m events only – all strokes
- Achieve points for getting close to or beating individual best times
- When a PB is swum, the 'benchmark' is raised for the following swim (i.e. continually swimming against PB)
- Swimmers placed in grades at start of the season (for each stroke) based on their best SC times from last season
- Compete within grades e.g. 'A' – Fly
- Opportunity to move up grades once during the year (review after August meet) – points already earned follow to the higher grade

Points System

- The following is the basis to determine the improvement points from each swim

Range	Pts
< -1s	0
-1s > -0.5s	1
-0.5s > 0	2
0 > 0.5s	3
> 0.5s	4

- Starting time is the best time as recorded at a Gisborne Thunder club meet from beginning of the previous season.
- If swimmer has NT, their first swim at club will determine their starting grade and base time for the following meet
- 1 pt awarded for competing per each event
- 1 pt awarded if seed time is 'NT' (+ 1 pt for competing).

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Season Awards

- Scores achieved at each meet and cumulative scores for each grade/stroke will be available throughout the season so swimmers can track progress
- Medals for winners in each grade/stroke
 - E.g. 'A' – Fly, 'C' – Free etc → 16 medals
- Overall point score winner ('Aggregate' champion) → the major perpetual trophy

Qualification Requirements

- All swimmers (club members + guest swimmers) may earn points but only club members qualify for end of season awards
- Points earned as a guest swimmer will count if swimmer subsequently joins the club during the season.

Gradings

- Gradings will be determined at the start of the season using the following times

Stroke	'D' Grade 25m	'D' Grade	'C' Grade	'B' Grade	'A' Grade
Free 50m	> 23	> 56	56 > 43	43 > 35	< 35
Back 50m	> 33	> 66	66 > 50	50 > 42	< 42
Breast 50m	> 35	> 70	70 > 55	55 > 45	< 45
Fly 50m	> 35	> 66	66 > 50	50 > 38	< 38

- 'D' swimmers may elect to swim either 25m or 50m in a stroke – not both
- If swimmer has NT, their first swim at club will determine their starting grade