

Mariners Recognition Tag Program

Purpose: This program is designed to encourage athletes to achieve various goals throughout the swim year. Each swimmer will be given a red Mariners carabiner to put on their swim bag, along with a red circular tag indicating the current season. Throughout the year, athletes are eligible to earn up to 21 different tags to hang off their carabiner, each tag representing a specific goal achieved. ****PLEASE NOTE** that all tags are for NEW GOALS ACHIEVED (not retroactive) and are awarded only **ONCE** per athlete in a given swim year.

Below is a list of each goal and the corresponding tag color, along with a brief description of the goals that are not defined by a specific time standard (see website for NJS and YMCA time standards). NOTE: All YMCA-specific goals use YMCA age (cut off Dec 1) and NJS goals use real age on the date of meet. Sunkissed is not considered a YMCA meet and therefore uses real age as entry criteria. Tags are awarded to all swimmers who achieve a time cut while they are in the given age group. For example, if a swimmer achieves a JO time after the meet occurs and they are still within that age group they will still receive a tag (this will help to award swimmers for age group time achievements regardless of when the meet occurs). **PLEASE NOTE:** *This rule is only valid for USA swimming cuts where real age is used, not YMCA.*

Sunkissed	Orange	ZONES	Green
States	Black	Long Course	Blue
USA Silvers	Silver	:20 Club	Purple
Y Silvers	Silver	:30 Club	Purple
JOs	Yellow/Gold	1:00 Club	Purple
Nationals	Pink	MVP	Red
Championships	Blue	Rock Star	Purple
Stamina Stars	Green	MAY Campaign	Black
IMX Club	Purple	Dedication Club	Purple
IM Great Club	Purple	Fly Club	Purple
Record breaker	Black	Current year	Red

[All Tags described below MUST be completed successfully. A disqualification will not count]

Stamina Stars

- 10/under must swim a distance of 200 yards in any meet
- 11/over must swim 400 yards or greater in any meet

IMX Club

- 8/under must swim 25 free, 50 free, 25 back, 25 breast, 25 fly, 100 IM
- 9/10 must swim 50 free, 100 free, 50 back, 50 breast, 50 fly, 100 IM

- 11/12 must swim 50 free, 100 free, 50 back, 50 breast, 50 fly, 100 IM, 200 IM
- 13/over must swim 100 free, 200 free, 100 back, 100 breast, 100 fly, 200 IM

IM Great Club

- 10/under must swim a 100 IM, 200 IM
- 11/older must swim a 200 IM, 400 IM

Fly Club

- 10/under must swim 100 fly at any given meet
- 11/over must swim 200 fly

Championships- Awarded to the swimmer after they have attended at least one championship meet (8 & Under Champs, Silver/Bronze, Y Bronze, Y Silvers, States, JOs, Nationals, Sunkissed, etc...)

Long Course- Awarded to those swimmers who participate in a Long Course meet

MVP- Tag awarded at the end of the season to selected swimmers who have stood out as having achieved significant goals throughout the season, including but not limited to, achieving swim time standard goals within their given age group, practice attendance and performance, meet attendance, leadership, and overall ambition and dedication to the sport.

Dedication Club- A monthly award given to that swimmer in each practice group who has shown a high level of dedication to the sport as demonstrated by practice attendance, focus, listening skills, and overall commitment to improving their swim technique

Rock Star- A discretionary tag awarded to swimmers who have shown their true Rock Star abilities. Examples of ways to earn this tag include the following:

- Dropping substantial time in one or all events in a given meet
- Working extra hard at practice
- Going above and beyond to help the team and coaches
- Staying after their events are over at a meet to count laps for a friend doing a distance race, cheering them on, showing overall support of team members

Record Breaker- Tag is awarded once per year to that swimmer whose time in a given age group event surpasses that previously established as a Mariners record. This tag may also be awarded to any swimmer who establishes a new record by being the first in that age group to swim the event (ie. U8 swimming a 1650). Swimmers who break multiple records in a given season will be awarded one record breaker tag but will be recognized with certificates for each event broken at the end of the season. **NOTE:** A swimmer can break his/her own record multiple times and would therefore be awarded (at the end of the year) multiple certificates for each record broken. In addition, multiple swimmers can break the same record and will also be awarded one tag and corresponding certificate.