

GRADUATION INTO DIFFERENT SQUADS

A few years ago, our group standard time trials were the only way swimmers could not only be selected for the team, but also graduate into different squads. But, due to popular demand we decided to be more flexible and offer swimmers the opportunity to graduate at any official ISB meet throughout the season.

Our policy of graduation offers swimmers more goal incentives throughout the year, but with that added flexibility it does become more challenging to keep track of who is qualifying and when. Remember that once in the team, swimmers don't have to graduate in both events at the same meet, rather they can pick and choose which events to target at two separate events. i.e Swimmer A qualifies in the 100m IM at VSI, then qualifies for the 200m Free at the BSB meet in December.

To help facilitate this process, maintain flexibility and to allow swimmers to take some ownership in knowing their times, we are asking that swimmers and younger swimmers parents help in informing us of when graduation has occurred.

Steps to Follow

1. Swimmers need to sign up for graduation events either at the time trials or at other ISB meets. Once they have achieved the standards in both events, they can find their times in team unify to confirm and cross reference their times with the time standards for squad graduation.
2. After times are cross reference and checked, swimmers or parents can print or download the graduation form attached.
3. Fill in the form with the times swum, when they were achieved, and at which meet.
4. Deliver these forms to the swim office (Swimmer can do this) or fill it in digitally and e-mail to Jenny Deng (Swim Office)
jdeng@isb.bj.edu.cn

5. Once delivered, these forms will be sent to the appropriate coaches, who will approve and attach the badges to the form.
6. Swimmers can then collect their squad badges from the swim office, or they will be delivered through their coaches.

What about Badges for those that get moved up due to age

We ask that badges are to please be earned. Barring any team selection exceptions, all current swimmers in the team, will need to still earn the badge. If a swimmer has been placed into a new squad due to age, they will not be able to get the badge yet until they have achieved the standard at some point in the season.

What do swimmers do with the badges

Swimmers are able to stitch their badges onto team unify jackets, shirts or parkas. This is up to the individual swimmer, but we ask that wherever placed that they look neat and aligned when stitched on.

If you have any questions about graduation please let us know,

Best Regards

ISB Swimming Academy Team

*This graduation form is also available under the documents page on the team unify site.