

Melville AUSSI Masters – Marlin of the Month

The first swim on each Thursday night club swim is timed and points are allocated. These points are added up each month to determine the “Marlin of the Month” and annual club points trophies, including the “Marlin of the Year” perpetual trophy. Other events on club night are not recorded, and are timed for interest only.

The first swim of the night rotates through:

Week 1	free 50	Week 5	free 100
Week 2	back 100	Week 6	back 50
Week 3	breast 50	Week 7	breast 100
Week 4	im 100	Week 8	fly 50

The system works as follows:

Initial Baseline Times: Set to your best time swum in a Marlin Swim for the stroke / distance during the previous year. New swimmers will get a baseline time after completing their first swim for each stroke / distance.

How points are awarded after each swim:

- **1 point** 1st swim or greater than 5% slower than best (base) time (approx. 2+ seconds slower for 50m swim)
- **2 points** 2.5 - 5% slower than best time (~1-2 seconds slower for 50m)
- **3 points** Less than 2.5% slower than best time (within ~1 second for 50m)
- **4 points** Equal or improve best time by up to 2% (~1 second for 50m)
- **5 points** Improve best time by > 2% (approx. >1 second faster for 50m)

New Baseline Time: If your Marlin Swim Time is faster than your Baseline Time, the Baseline is reset to the faster time.

Where 2 or more swimmers finish on the same number of points for a month or year, the winner is determined via a count-back of the cumulative time improved for the month or year (swims slower than Baseline are counted as 0 improvement, not negative).

Marlin of the Month can only be won once per calendar year. Points are still accrued toward the annual club trophy.