ESCPO Best Time Ribbons

Best Time ribbons are awarded by the ESCPO to Marlin and Wavebuster swimmers who achieve a new personal best time in certain short course events.

Black ribbons are awarded when a best time is achieved that is a "Bronze" time for the swimmers age, or when the time is achieved in a SCM pool, where time standards do not apply. Likewise, Silver ribbons are awarded when the swimmer's time meets the "Silver" time standard, and Gold ribbons are awarded when a time meets the "Gold" (Junior Olympic) time standard.

There are slight differences in the program for Marlins and Wavebusters:

Marlins receive ribbons upon swimming an event for the first time, and receive ribbons for swims in both short course yard (like Newark Academy) and short course meter (like Morristown Beard) pools.

Wavebusters only receive ribbons for swims in short course yard (SCY) pools and generally do not receive ribbons upon swimming an event for the first time. However, if a Wavebuster achieves a Silver or Gold time in their first attempt at an event, a ribbon in the corresponding color is awarded.