American Swimming Coaches Association Patch Program

~Current patch program will be utilizing the 2013-2016 USA Swimming motivational times which are times valid from September 2012 thru August 2016, copy of times included and available on **www.clearfieldswimming.org** website

~Times are calculated by top 16 national times and then factored for adjustment to get the different time standard rankings

~No separate 8 & under available, they are included in the 10 & under, as they are for all district and state YMCA meets

~Every swimmer receives one carabiner to place patches on, additional available for purchase

~Patches awarded for each stroke (Freestyle, Backstroke, Butterfly, Breaststroke, IM)

~Swimmers receive Achievement Patches for reaching a higher time standard. An Achievement Patch is earned for every motivational time earned. For example, your swimmer's 100 free time improves from a "B" level time to a "BB" level time, you would earn a Freestyle BB Patch. It is important to remember that the patches are only available by stroke, not event, so if your child gets a BB patch for the 100 Free, they won't get another patch when they make a BB time in the 50 Free. There is only one patch that says "BB Freestyle". Likewise, if your child gets a B patch for Freestyle as a 10 year old, and then ages up to 11-12, they won't get another B Freestyle patch when they make a B Freestyle time as an 11 year old. The idea is to recognize and reward swimmers for achieving new time standards.

~If you would like to collect these for each age group or event, you may purchase the additional patches from the ASCA website or by contacting Tom Hoffman. Currently, the small patches are approximately \$1.25, extra carabiners are \$3.

~Each swimmer must make an application (sample form included but can be written or emailed) to receive their patches which includes:

Name

Age

Time Swam

Stroke

Distance

Date Earned

(Swims will be verified prior to patch distribution)

~Patches can be earned any time throughout the YMCA season

~Please return patch forms to Tom or Kristen Hoffman or email to <u>drtlh@verizon.net</u> During the YMCA swim season, orders will be placed monthly.

~Additional forms available on the Clearfield Swimming website

SWIMMING PATCH PROGRAM FORM

SWIMMER NAME	
AGE	
Time Swam	
Stroke	
Distance	
Date Earned	
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