

## 2015 'WATA' WALTER ROGERS AGE GROUP NATIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The "WATA" Walter Rogers Age Group National Swimming Championships began on Tuesday afternoon, February 17, 2015 at the National Aquatic Centre. Sponsored by WISYNCO, under the WATA and Powerade Brands, the Age Group 'Champs is the most important Club Swim Meet on the local swimming calendar attracting over four hundred (400) swimmers from twelve (12) Clubs and one swimmer from overseas, David MacSporran from the Etobicoke Swim Club in Canada. The Meet is an Official Pan American and World Championship qualifier for the National Senior Squad swimmers, while for the Age Group swimmers it is the final qualifying Meet at which swimmers can achieve times to be eligible for consideration for selection to the National Age Group Swim Team to the 2015 CARIFTA Swimming Championships scheduled for April 4-8, 2015 in Bridgetown Barbados.

So far four (4) new Meet Records have been established highlighted by Sidrell Williams' blistering 200m freestyle swim of 1:58.14 in the heats this morning, achieving a Pan American "B" qualification standard. Other Meet Records established include Nicholas Haughton's 18:10.46 in the 15 & Over Boys 1500 metre freestyle; Joseph Black 'in the Boys 50 Metre Backstroke in 29:08 and the Tornadoes Swim Club's 13-14 Boys 4 x 100 metre Freestyle relay team of Alex Mignott, Jonathan Lyn, Sean-Douglas Gooden and Jesse Marsh in a time of 3:58.91.

The official opening of the "WATA" Walter Rogers Age Group National Swimming Championships will be this evening at 5:30 pm. After two (2) days of competition the points standing is as follows:

- First Place                      Tornadoes Swim Club                      431 points
- Second Place                      "Y" Speedos Swim Club                      408 points
- Third Place                      Swimaz Aquatics Swim Club                      189 points

The competition continues on Saturday and Sunday with heats in the morning starting at 8:30 a.m. both days and finals in the evening at 4:00 p.m. For further information please contact either Allan Marsh 579-6171 or Carol Cuffley at 839-2734.