



Top Talent. (L-R:) 10-year-olds Kyle Asimwe and Tzion Tamale from Aqua Akii, plus Ozprey's Geremiah Opolot show off their accolades. PHOTO/PATRICK KAWAII

Aqua Akii rule junior waters at Silverfin Pentathlon at Kisu

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KAMPALA. Neema Nsereko, Tzion Tamale, and Kyle Asimwe guided Aqua Akii Swim Club to the top of the junior category at the Silverfin Pentathlon held May 9-10 at Kampala International School Uganda (KISU).

The Pentathlon allows swimmers to test their balance across the four strokes and the individual medley.

To manage the 18-club event including Rwandan side Mako Sharks, organisers Silverfin Academy had swimmers under 13 years (juniors) competing on Saturday while those of 13 and over competed on Sunday.

6-8 years

In this age group, Jaguar's Harvey Ssendendo, Gliders' Raphael Wobugaba, and Altona's Aiden Corey Mwasaame led in points while for the girls, Sailfish's Alma Kirabo, Tumaini's Alma Kakaire, and Swimming Angels' Raphaela Akantorana led.

Akantorana led the girls' 25m butterfly in 19.32 seconds while Mwasaame led the boys by clocking 18.39.

Kirabo took the girls' 25m backstroke in 21.57 while Ssendendo topped the boys in 19.91.

Kakaire topped the girls' 25m breaststroke in 22.63 while Ssendendo doubled his wins in the boys' race with a 21.66 before later tripling them in the 100m individual medley (IM) with a time of 1:35.02.

Kirabo topped the girls' 25m free-style in 16.56 and 100m IM in 1:44.32 to push her overall points tally to 38 while Aqua Akii's Raniel Akantorana topped the boys' 25m free in 16.66.

In the combined awards, Ssendendo topped the lowest age group with 39 points, followed by Kirabo, while Kakaire was third on 34 points.

9-10 years

In the 9-10 girls' age group, Blue Whales Aquatic Venture's Aya Adams topped the 50m fly in 34.02, the 50m back in 37.08, and 50m free in 31.72 while Swimming Angels' Blessing Namugga topped the breaststroke in 41.06. Adams was unsurprisingly dominant in the 100m IM which she did in 1:22.20. For the 9-10 boys, Tamale topped the 50m fly in 36.29 and 50m free in 32.12 while his teammate Asimwe and Ozpreys' Geremiah Opolot and Asimwe both clocked 40.88 to top the 50m back.

SILVERFIN PENTATHLON - JUNIOR CATEGORY

How They

Finished

Aqua Akii - 204

Jaguar - 162

Otters - 153

Gliders - 106

Altona - 102

Ozpreys - 93

Swimming Angels

- 77

Tumaini - 66

Sailfish - 50

Blue Whales - 44

Nile Sharks - 34

Seals - 25

Orcas - 22

Imara Aquatics - 14

Mako Sharks - 7

Friends of Water

- 5

Torpedoes - 4

Hertz - 4