

## Questions About Swim Meets

### **How often are meets?**

About once a month. The weekend in the month varies, usually the meets are both Saturday and Sunday for about 4 hours a day. As swimmers improve the meets get bigger and longer (3-4 days).

### **When will my swimmer(s) swim in their first meet?**

Your coach will let you know. It typically takes a few months of practice and conditioning before a swimmer is ready to compete. We don't let swimmers compete until they are ready, so be patient and check with your coach.

### **What do I do to enter a meet?**

We use a web-based system for meet entry.

- Go to the team web site.
- Go to the Meets tab and find the meet you wish to enter.
- Proceed to the selection screen and select the events. Submit your entry.
- We do the rest, it's easy.

### **Do I need to know swimmer's Best Times to enter a meet?**

It's good to keep a journal of your swimmer's time, but it is not required. We keep a complete history of all of our swimmer's time. You can look up your swimmer's times on the team web site. Go to My Account. Select My Meet Results.

### **Will my swimmer get disqualified (DQed) at a meet?**

It's a possibility. It takes time to get all of the rules and skills into a young swimmer. Being DQed, while not the perfect plan, does help to teach the sport. It's not the end of the world so don't worry about it. In time, all swimmers develop and get beyond this phase.

### **What does my swimmer need to do at the meet to 'check-in'?**

After warm-up our swimmers go to the check-in desk and let the worker know that they are at the meet. The worker checks them into all of their events and that's it. As the meet progresses, the swimmer must check the posting sheets to get their heat/lane assignment for each of their races. They then come to their coach and let the coach know their assignment. After the race we like the swimmers to return and we talk with them about their race.

**How are the swimmers placed in their races?**

By their personal best times. At first, a swimmer will not have a time for an event. They would be entered with a NT (no time). From then on we use their best recorded time. All of our swimmers times are maintained on the club web site and you can easily look up their times whenever you want.

**What are the time standards and how do they apply to my swimmer?**

These are established levels of performance that helps the younger swimmer to compete in ranked divisions. They are designated by colors BLUE, RED, WHITE. Blue is the fastest of the 3 divisions. As a swimmer improves, they will move up through the divisions and eventually advance to the National level time standards and beyond.