



Swim Meet FAQ's

Where do I find a list of yearly competitions?

Swim meets will be listed on the Manta home page under Meets and events. Your swimmer will not likely be in each swim meet listed but the coach will let you know. The coach generally will enrol your swimmer in each meet they would be eligible for and email you to ask if your swimmer will attend.

The major swim meets that are national level will be put on the Swim Canada page. Results and heat sheets for those events will be listed there.

How do I know which meets my child should attend?

[Your child's coach will determine which meets your child should attend, as well as what events \(types of races\) they will be swimming at each meet. Generally the events will be listed on the swim apps Meet Mobile and On Deck about a week before the meet.](#)

Where do I find the list of events my child is in?

There are 2 apps that are common to use – On Deck and Meet Mobile.

OnDeck is a free app. You will need to log in using your Manta website passwords.

On Deck: <https://support.teamunify.com/en/articles/1340-ondeck-parent-expert-in-5-minutes>

The best way is to use an app called **Meet Mobile**. This app has an annual fee (very minimal) and will show your swimmers events, preliminary and final times for a meet. This will usually have the psych sheets (the order in which the swimmers rank based on entry time), heats and lanes your swimmer will swim in and generally a time when the race is expected to start.

This app is also not 100% reliable. The times are uploaded by the volunteers running the Hytek timing systems and sometimes can be very quick. Other times, they will be uploaded after the meet if the software is having an issue (which happens all the time). Please do not get upset if the Meet Mobile doesn't update immediately after your swimmer swims. This happens often and will eventually update.

Meet Mobile: <https://youtu.be/2MFy8B7lrSQ>

What are heat sheets?

Heat sheets are developed by the meet management and software that puts your swimmer in a heat and a lane. The heat sheets used to be printed and in some cases still are but to help the environment we make them available electronically. When your swimmer is entered by the coach into an event, say the 100 Free, the time that is entered for them will place them in order – see psych sheet. The software will then place them in a heat and lane based upon where they fall in the psych sheet. Faster swimmers will swim in the middle lanes and later heats. So your swimmer may get put into Event 5 (if 100 Free is event 5) Heat 2 Lane 1. Meaning she will swim in the second race in lane 1.

Events for swim meets normally run with the female swimmers doing all their heats first and then the male swimmers will swim all their heats.

What does long course and short course mean?

Long course is when the swim lanes are 50 meters long and short course is 25 meters long. Typically, short course races are run September –January and in January the bulkheads at Pan Am are moved to support training for long course. Bonivital and EK Pools do not change to long course, their lanes remain 25 meters the entire year.

What should my child bring to a swim meet?

Your child will eventually learn the ins and outs of the swim meet. The important items to bring are the swim equipment for a race, towel, track suit, runners or sliders, Manta shirt, snack food for between swims (food is not permitted on deck at most meets), water bottle, a winning attitude and be ready to cheer their team mates on. We ask that phones and electronic devices be put in lockers or left at home. The swimmer should be involved in the meet and a great teammate.

What are A & AA and National qualifying times?

When you see and hear about A & AA times, these are referring to qualifying standard times issued by Swim Canada or Swim Manitoba.

There are 4 times standards that are updated generally every 4 years:

- [10 and under Provincial Time Standards](#)
- [Girls Provincial A & AA Time Standards](#)
- [Boys Provincial A & AA Time Standards](#)
- [National Time Standards](#)

Each level of swim meet will have qualifying times that must be achieved in order for your swimmer to participate. These times are based on age and sex. The Junior Provincials meet that is run by various clubs but hosted by Swim Manitoba will require the qualification of 'A' times that are listed in the A time standards.

The swimmer must attain a certain time given the sex and age of the swimmer. Female and male swimmers have different qualifying times at different ages.

The 'AA' level of qualifying time is for meets such as Man/Sask or PWI.

National standards such as Easterns/Westerns or Trials have their own minimum qualifying times that are published on the Swim Canada page.

Time standard link: <https://www.swimmanitoba.mb.ca/time-standards>

What are the costs involved in going to a competition?

The cost of the swim meet varies depending upon the level, location and length of the swim meet.

Meet fees are charged to your accounts and can be located under invoices and payments after you log into your Manta account. Swim meet fees cover various charges that each meet must pay for to host a successful meet. Such charges are pool rental fees, equipment rental fees, general office expenses, medals and awards, etc. Entry fees include all SNM competition fees and charges (\$6 participation fee per swimmer and \$1 program development fee per swim). An example would be the Manta held PWI in December and the cost is \$95 for the meet. Some meets such as the Seals Invitational at the end of October would charge per swim event. The club would charge so much for a 50m, 100m and a 200m swim.

Relay fees are extra.

Deck Entry Fee - A fee set by the host team which allows a swimmer to enter an event/s at the meet. Examples are if a swimmer didn't get the permission in by deadline, has not exceeded the allowed limit of entries as outlined and wants to attain a race time in an additional event. The deck entry is submitted by the coach at least 60 min prior to the start of the session time with cash or cheque payment. There must be space available in the program. Lane assignment will not be completed until payment is made. The deck entry race time will not count for points or

placing but will count for personal time. Deck entry is not permitted for final events. Not all swim meets allow deck entry.

Once you have approved permission to enter a meet and the entry deadline has passed meet fees are not refunded.

Depending on if the meet is within Winnipeg or out of province, Travel costs, hotel accommodations, food catering could all be charged to your account when the meet is out of town. For example, the Manitoba Junior Provincials meet that is usually held in Brandon once a year would be considered an out-of-town meet. As the swimmer would stay with a parent or guardian - travel, hotel and food would have to be covered and obtained by the parent or guardian. ManSask is generally held in Winnipeg once a year and in Saskatoon once a year. The Manta team would take a chartered bus when in Saskatoon, stay in a hotel and have food catered to the team. These expenses would be shared by each swimmer and have a one-time charge to your account to cover the costs of the meet.