

## Swim Meet Information/Sign Ups

Questions about swim meet sign up procedures are very common. Looking at all the information in a meet packet can be very confusing. I tried to break down what you need to know below.

The other question I frequently get is where to start, which meets are best for new swimmers. Intrasquads, dual meets, meets close to home and age specific meets (8 & Under, 10 & Under, etc) are the best meets to start with. Feel free to communicate directly with your group coach about what is best for your swimmer.

Getting some initial info about a meet:

1. Click on the name of the meet.
2. You'll be able to see the location, the date of the meet and the deadline to register on this page. (The registration deadline in the meet packet is not the PPD deadline.)
3. You might also see certain meets are for specific age groups, specific training groups, or require qualifying times on this page. However, most meets are open to any PPD swimmers.
4. Click on the meet packet. Info you'll look for here is when your swimmer's age group swims- typically it will be listed as morning/AM or afternoon/PM. Most meet packets will also list when exactly warm ups begin. You can expect meets to last about 4 hours from the start of warm ups.
5. Coaches will take care of sending in entries, entry fees, release forms, etc. If you have questions about a meet, please contact a PPD coach. Please do not ever email the host team directly- allow your coaches to be the point of contact.

Signing up:

6. If the date fits your schedule, you can sign up to compete. Hit the Edit Commitment button, scroll down and find your swimmer. Click their name then change their commitment to YES. Choose which day(s) and/or leave a comment for your coach.
7. Coaches will then select which events your swimmer is entered in.
8. Pay close attention to deadlines! Once entries and entry fees are sent in, no changes or additions can be made.

Preparing for the meet itself:

9. Read your emails. A meet info email is always sent out 1-2 days before the meet with any slight changes or additional details about the venue.
10. What to expect at a meet will take up more time and space than we have here! More info about what to expect at a meet will be sent out later in the season.

We're looking forward to racing this season! Thanks!

PPD Coaches

