

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Meets

1. Is my child required to swim in meets?

Swimmers are not required to compete meets but meets are a good opportunity for your child to get practice competing and to show progress in their swimming. If you are uncertain of your child's readiness to compete in a meet, please talk with their coach.

2. Where do I find out information about each meet such as dates, time, location, cost, etc.?

You can click on the meet tab on the Gators' website. Click on the meet name to get meet information. Information that you should be looking for includes:

Eligibility – Some meets are open for all swimmers. Other meets require swimmers have achieved A, B, or C times. Time standards will be listed.

Entry Limit – Swimmers are typically allowed to enter 4 events per day. Swimmers decide the days they wish to participate in any given meet.

Event Entry Fees – The Gators will electronically enter your swimmer. You are responsible to pay any fees directly to the Grosse Pointe Gators Swim Club. You are responsible for the fees whether you compete in the meet or not. Once the entry deadline is reached, if you are committed to the meet you responsible for all fees.

Events – The events are listed in the meet information packet and also where you register your swimmer for the meet.

3. How do I enter my swimmer in a meet?

You enter your swimmer in a meet when the meet is posted on the Gators website. You must be logged in to the Team Unify system to sign up for a meet. Click the Meet/Practice Calendar tab. Click on the pink Edit Commitment box under the meet name you want to sign up for. On the Athlete Sign-up page click your swimmer's name. Under "Declaration" select "Yes please sign (swimmer) up for the event" In the notes section please list any requested information or anything you would like us to know for the meet (Days swimming etc.). Coaches will help you pick events and can pick all events if you would like. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click Save Changes. **Late registrations will not be accepted.**

4. Can my child swim in a relay?

If relays are offered and we have enough swimmers to build a relay, the coaches will make relay teams. Our coaches will do their best to give all swimmers relay opportunities. Please note in your swimmer's entries if they do not want to do relays. It is very disappointing and unfair to the relay team, if they are not able to swim because a swimmer has backed out.

5. Is my child required to wear a team suit/cap at the meet?

A team suit is not required. The coaches ask that swimmers wear the GPG team cap to help identify our swimmers during meets. Team caps are available at Grosse Pointe South High School for \$12.00. Please see Coach Tony to purchase a team cap.

6. Can I go on deck or locker rooms with my child?

Parents are not allowed to go on deck or in the locker rooms with their swimmer. When swimmers arrive to the meet, they should look for other Gator swimmers and coaches on deck. The swimmers and coaches will sit together, and the coaches will be there to help swimmers throughout the meet.

7. What should parents expect at the meet?

There is an admission fee and program fee at the meet. The stands tend to get crowded, so parents should plan on finding a seat as soon as their swimmer is checked in. Gator parents usually try to sit together to show support and cheer on the team. It is usually very warm in the stands so parents should dress accordingly. Lastly, each session usually last around 4 hours so parents often bring work, reading material, etc. to help pass the time.

8. What should swimmers bring to the meet?

Swimmer should bring 2 suits, 2 caps, and 2 pairs of goggles. They should also have more than one towel. Swimmers should bring extra clothes to wear on deck between their events to stay warm. Flip-flops or Crocs should be worn on deck and in the hallways. Swimmers should bring hydrating beverages and healthy snacks to eat between their races. Plastic bottles and snacks are allowed on deck. Swimmers must pick up after themselves. With permission, swimmers can leave the deck and visit the concession stand in-between or after their events.