

# AGENDA

## WINTER SPORTS MEETING – BOYS SWIM AND DIVE TEAM

1. Introductions
  - A. Coaching Staff
  - B. Captains
  - C. Booster Club
2. Captains - Spirit Wear and Captains Practices
3. Booster Club
  - A. Volunteer needs
    - a. Season-long/subcommittees
    - b. Meets
  - B. Assessments
    - a. Amount
    - b. What it covers
    - c. Offsetting the cost
  - C. Fundraising Activities
    - a. Annual Operations
    - b. Long-term equipment
4. Communications
  - A. Coaches: Phone, Email (cliffknettel@gmail.com), Facebook (Duluth Boys Swim Team), [www.duluthswimming.com](http://www.duluthswimming.com), text Cliff at 218-260-0209 with your first and last name.
  - B. Swimmers: group messaging
  - C. Parents: Whats App
5. Swim Team Handbook/Policies
  - A. JV and Varsity – what is the difference?
  - B. Registering and Paying Fees with School District
  - C. Physicals
  - D. Equipment
  - E. Athlete and Parent Expectations
  - F. Parent Volunteering
  - G. Coaches Expectations
  - H. Practice Schedule
  - I. Away meets and transportation
  - J. Lettering
  - K. Attendance
6. Meet Schedule

## Boys Swim Team 2025 Pre-Season Checklist

- ☐ Order optional spirit wear - ORDER FORM COMING SOON
- ☐ Sign up on [www.duluthswimming.com](http://www.duluthswimming.com) - This is only for team communications and team management, not to be confused with “registering” through the school district.
- ☐ Join our closed Facebook Page “Duluth Boys Swim Team”
- ☐ Schedule Sports Physical, if needed, and then turn it into your school Activities office (East or Denfeld, not middle schools). Please schedule this asap, needs to be turned in before season
- ☐ Complete: High School Sports registration on the Denfeld or East website, under activities, and activities registration, make \$235 payment online after you register or take a check to school, or bring to Cliff at practice. Checks made out to ISD 709 and put Boys Swim in memo  
  
DULUTH EAST (and ORDEAN)  
  
<https://students.arbitersports.com/organizations/duluth-east-high-school>  
  
DULUTH DENFELD (and LINCOLN)  
  
<https://students.arbitersports.com/organizations/duluth-denfeld-high-school>
- ☐ Order team suit, caps and parkas by filling out survey provided by head coach. Some of you have done this already. Cliff will send survey link via text/email
- ☐ Pay assessment to coach/boosters - Amount \$100. Checks written out to “Duluth Boys Swim & Dive Boosters”. See attached for more info/payment methods.
- ☐ If new to the team, on first day of practice (or sooner) pay parka deposit of \$100 to Boosters. This will be cashed, and later refunded to you when the parka is returned. Checks written out to “Duluth Boys Swim & Dive Boosters” . Can combine on same check with Assessment pmt.
- ☐ Download “Meet Mobile” from the app store. Most meets have live results on this app. FYI- very few if any meets are live-streamed.

Your source for sports physical forms, travel release forms, meet schedules, etc:

<https://dulutheast.isd709.org/activities-athletics>

<https://denfeld.isd709.org/activities-athletics>

[www.duluthswimming.com](http://www.duluthswimming.com)

## 2025-2026 MEET SCHEDULE

|                                          |            |                          |                                    |                                      |          |
|------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Hibing Relays                            | 12/4/2025  | 4:30PM                   | Hibbing                            | Hibbing High School                  | JV and V |
| Prior Lake Invite                        | 12/6/2025  | 9:00AM Dive,<br>1pm Swim | Prior Lake                         | Hidden Oaks Elem                     | Varsity  |
| Triple Dual                              | 12/11/2025 | 5:00PM                   | Proctor, Grand<br>Rapids           | Ordean East Middle School            | JV and V |
| Triple Dual                              | 12/18/2025 | 5:00PM                   | Superior, Chisholm                 | Superior High School                 | JV and V |
| Storm Hawk Invite                        | 12/20/2025 | 9:00AM Dive,<br>1pm Swim | Chanhassan-<br>Chaska              | Pioneer Ridge Middle, Chaska         | Varsity  |
| Duluth Invite                            | 1/3/2026   | 9:00AM Dive,<br>1pm Swim | Duluth                             | Lincoln Park Middle School           | JV and V |
| Lake Superior Conference<br>Championship | 1/10/2026  | 9:00AM Dive,<br>1pm Swim | Rock Ridge                         | Rock Ridge High School               | V        |
| Section 7AA True Team                    | 1/17/2026  | 9:00AM Dive,<br>1pm Swim | Coon Rapids                        | Northdale Middle School              | V        |
| Dual                                     | 1/20/2026  | 6:00 PM                  | East Ridge                         | Cottage Grove                        | JV and V |
| True Team State                          | 1/24/2026  | 5:00PM                   | MSHSL                              | U of M Aquatic Center                | V        |
| Dual                                     | 1/27/2026  | 5:00PM                   | Rock Ridge,<br>Hibbing             | Rock Ridge High School               | JV and V |
| Dual                                     | 1/30/2026  | 5:00PM                   | Duluth VS<br>Chanhassan-<br>Chaska | Ordean East Middle School            | JV and V |
| Hibbing Invite                           | 1/31/2026  | 9:00AM Dive,<br>1pm Swim | Hibbing                            | Hibbing High School                  | Varsity  |
| Black & Blue JV                          | 2/6/2026   | 5:00PM                   | Grand Rapids                       | Robert J. Elkington Middle<br>School | JV       |
| Taconight Invitational                   | 2/7/2026   | 9:00AM Dive,<br>1pm Swim | Mesabi East                        | Mesabi East HS - Aurora              | JV and V |
| Section Prelims                          | 2/19/2025  | 6:00PM                   | MSHSL                              | Northdale MS                         | Varsity  |
| Section 7AA Dive                         | 2/20/2025  | 6:00PM                   | MSHSL                              | Northdale MS                         | Varsity  |
| 7AA Finals                               | 2/21/2025  | 2:00PM                   | MSHSL                              | Northdale MS                         | Varsity  |
| State Meet Diving                        | 2/26/2025  | 6:00PM                   | MSHSL                              | U of M Aquatic Center                | Varsity  |
| State Meet Prelims                       | 2/27/2025  | 6:00PM                   | MSHSL                              | U of M Aquatic Center                | Varsity  |
| State Meet Finals                        | 2/28/2025  | 6:00PM                   | MSHSL                              | U of M Aquatic Center                | Varsity  |

**November 24th - Feb 21st (schedule will change for those moving on to Section meet)**

|                         |                                                                                                                |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday-Friday           | JV/DIVING: 4:00-5:30 @ Ordean and VARSITY DRYLAND (at Ordean) 4:00-4:45: & VARSITY SWIM: 4:45-6:45 PM @ Ordean |
| Monday/Wednesday/Friday | OPTIONAL SWIM: 6:45-8:00 AM @ Ordean starting Dec. 1st                                                         |
| Saturdays               | November 29 (Ordean), Dec. 13 (Ordean), Dec. 27, (Ordean) Feb 14 (Ordean), 9-noon                              |

**Holidays and Breaks:**

|                         |                                                                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| November 28:            | 9am-noon only, at Ordean                                               |
| December 8:             | 3:30-6:45pm, no morning practice, at Ordean                            |
|                         | Dec 22, 23 3:30-6:45 only, at Ordean                                   |
| Christmas Break:        | Dec 26, 27 9am to noon only, at Ordean                                 |
|                         | Dec 29, 30, Jan 2 from 3:30 - 6:45 pm only, no mornings, all at Ordean |
| December 24, 25, Jan 1: | Practice on your own (school pools not available)                      |
| Jan 16:                 | 3:30-6:45pm only (no morning)                                          |
| Jan 19:                 | 3:30-6:45pm only (no morning)                                          |
| Winter Break            | Feb 16 - 20: 3:30-6:30                                                 |

# Duluth HS Boys Swim & Dive Parent Meeting 2025

**The mission of the Booster Club** is to support the efforts of the Duluth HS Boys Swim & Dive Team. We do this by:

- Volunteering time
- Fundraising
  - Last year we raised and deployed approx \$350/team member
- Contributing money
- Organizing events, etc

## Our goals are to:

- Reduce the cost of participation for swimmers and divers
- Support the performance of the team
- Allow coaches to spend more time coaching the athletes

**Some of the things we organize:**

Fundraisers (bagging groceries at SuperOne, Duluth Air Show, Raking, Swim-a-Thon), Team dinners in Duluth, Senior Recognition night, Swim Meet Concessions, Year End Banquet

### Things we pay for:

- Team suits and caps, a portion of team meals and lodging away from Duluth, upgraded bussing, a portion of some team events (above), team banners, some capital equipment needs.

The Booster Club typically meets once a month during the swim season.

## Booster Club Board-

President: Tom Warren

Vice President: Dan Zelen

Treasurer: Virginia George

Secretary: Kirsten Stone

**JOIN OUR PARENT WHATSAPP GROUP CHAT! >>>>>**



**PAY THE BOOSTER CLUB  
VIA VENMO >>>>>>>>>>>**



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## Duluth HS Boys Swim & Dive Voluntary Assessment

Separate from the Activity Registration Fee that is due to ISD709 (\$235), the Duluth Boys Swim & Dive Booster Club asks for a voluntary assessment fee. In recent years we have assessed \$225/athlete, but due to successful fundraising, the Booster Club has voted to reduce the voluntary assessment to \$100/athlete. Please remember - we must remain diligent in our fundraising in order for the reduced assessment to be sustainable, so please continue to do your part. If you cannot afford the assessment, please see our Treasurer, Virginia George, or if you're more comfortable, Coach Cliff. The Booster Club has an anonymous scholarship fund to provide support for those who cannot pay the voluntary assessment. **We do not want any student or family to have a financial barrier to participating on our swim team.** You may pay the voluntary assessment to "Duluth Boys Swim & Dive Booster Club" via check, cash or Venmo. If by check or Venmo, please put your athlete's name and "assessment" in the memo field. Please pay by Dec 1st.

Please fill out the assessment information below and return to the Booster Club (Duluthswimdive.boosters@gmail.com) so we can accurately budget the upcoming season. Venmo link included below.

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Swimmer/Diver: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ I will pay the voluntary \$100 assessment fee on or before December 1.
- ☐ I will pay \$50 on or before December 1 and \$50 on or before January 1.
- ☐ I am opting out of paying the voluntary assessment fee.
- ☐ Contact me for other payment arrangements.



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