

Santa Clara Swim Club

HOW TO ENTER A MEET

Before you enter a meet, talk to your coach about the entry procedures. Santa Clara Swim Club (SCSC) is in the Pacific Swimming LSC. Meets will be entered in several ways: online via [FastSwims](#) or [Swimconnection](#) or through the SCSC website. Locally, the host team for each meet will determine the entry process. Out of area meets will most likely be entered through the team website.

Entries will be done by each individual swimmer/family. Swimmers should only enter meets that are designated by the SCSC coaching staff. Your coach(es) may designate certain events they would like your swimmer to enter at meets. Please communicate with your coach(es) prior to submitting entries for meets.

Most meets have an entry "cap" that limits the total number of swimmers who can participate. During the challenges of the past 18 months, some of these meet caps have adjusted downward. It is important that each swimmer/family be proactive with meet sign-ups so your swimmers have the opportunity to compete.

Generally, the deadline for entries into a meet is about 10 days before the meet. It is encouraged that you get your entries in soon after the meet entry opens for each respective meet to ensure that your swimmer(s) get into the meet as some meets fill up quickly. Again, talk to your coach for details and advice.

If you are a new to competitive swimming, you will need to create an account with [FastSwims](#) and [Swimconnection](#) for meet entry purposes. These services will alert you when meets "open" for entries. You will also receive notification from your coach(es) when entries become available.

Entering a meet online allows you to receive immediate confirmation of your entry into the meet. The online entry website will also tell you if the meet has reached its entry cap and is no longer accepting entries. Please note that online entry services normally charge a processing fee for the use of their service in addition to the entry fee you are required to pay to enter the meet.

Certain meets require time standards or qualification to enter. Be sure to enter only individual events for which you qualify. For example, in a B/C meet you may not enter events in which you have equaled or bettered an A time. Also as an example, in an A+ meet you may only enter events in which you have achieved an A time or better. Enter your best time for each event. If you are using times achieved in a short course meet to enter a long course meet, or vice versa, please read the section on short course times and long course times below.

Meets in Pacific Swimming are swum in both short course (25 yard or, occasionally, 25 meter) and long course (50 meter) pools.

Pacific's Rules and Regulations do not require time conversions when using a time achieved in one course to enter a meet in another course, but they do specifically require that when you have achieved a specific class level (for example, B or A) in an event in one course, you are considered to be qualified at that same level in all courses. Accordingly, you must always enter a time which maintains the class for which you've qualified in an event.

For example, if you've achieved an A time in an event at a short course meet but have never swum the event or have never achieved at this level in the event at a long course meet, you must enter at least a minimum long course A time when you enter this event in a long course meet.

For higher-level meets that require that entry times be proved (such as Junior Olympics, Far Westerns, and certain meets in Pacific's senior program), meet entry time standards will be provided in both short course and long course, and you may enter a qualifying time achieved in either course.

ENTERING A MEET VIA SCSC WEBSITE (www.santaclaraswimclub.org)

Login to the website. Select the “events” page. Select the meet you are entering. Select “enter athletes”. Choose the events your swimmer would like to enter. Your group coach will approve the entries and submit to the meet host. Entry fees will be added to your SCSC family account.

ENTERING A MEET VIA [FASTSWIMS](#)

Go to the [FastSwims](#) website and create an account. Once you have created an account, select the “meets” tab to see a list of available meets. Once a meet that SCSC has designated for participation (check the SCSC Meet Calendar) is “open” you can enter your swimmer(s) into the meet. Make sure that your USA Swimming Registration number is entered correctly (that can be found on the team website under your account/member information). Other information that may be asked:

Team Name: Santa Clara Swim Club

Team Code: SCSC

LSC Code: PC

Enter your swimmers into the events they will be swimming along with their entry times (best times or “NT” for events they have not yet competed in). Once you have entered the events, submit payment. You will receive an email confirmation of your entries.

ENTERING A MEET VIA [SWIMCONNECTION](#)

Go to the [Swimconnection](#) website and create an account. Once you have created an account, select the “meets” tab to see a list of available meets. Once a meet that SCSC has designated for participation (check the SCSC Meet Calendar) is “open” you can enter your swimmer(s) into the meet. Make sure that your USA Swimming Registration number is entered correctly (that can be found on the team website under your account/member information). Other information that may be asked:

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