

Coaches,

We have had a major upkick in the last few days of coaches & parents reaching out from Wait List teams... this email is to help with our inboxes and cell phones (some folks are calling/emailing/texting every person on the meet packet and we're all telling you the same info). I'm cc'ing the rest of the board as well as our meet refs & admin refs (everyone with an email address on the meet packet) so there is no confusion about "i'll just email _____ who is on the board and see if they can get me in".

We have you on the wait list. the meets hit cap (spring champs about a week after tier two opened, and age group a few seconds after tier two opened). some of you have reached out before even filling out the form on the website, i suggest you fill out the form if you haven't... we're sending this to you all as well.

The Board met in August & September and set the cap numbers for each meet based on the formats, and the number of athletes we can allow to meet timelines. There was an email sent out on 09/29 with a "save the date" for all teams that have ever attended an NCSA meet since 2005 (ever since we had OME available to process entries, and could collect email addresses), as well as those who have ever filled out the "add me to the mailing list" form on the website.

The Board of Directors will meet again in another week, and we will consider the caps again; but in over 20 years of doing these meets, **I highly doubt there will be any extensions in the cap.** I would come up with alternative plans for March 2026. We have it on the agenda, since people have asked if the board would reconsider.

A few clarifications on the process... since we are getting emails and phone calls from parents, and getting screenshots from "swim parent facebook groups" listing all kinds of false information:

1: meet caps were set, tier one is not a guarantee, just a "head start"... just because you are tier one, doesn't guarantee a spot later... once we hit cap, we send confirmations to the teams that got in the meet, so they can get planning... it wouldn't be right to "unaccept someone"

2: tier two opened for both meets, and we took teams first-come/first-served until cap was met.

3: "So if we didn't come last year, there's no chance to get in"... nonsense, every meet there has been first time teams that get in... sometimes just a few based on how much cap space is available.

4: We never sent an email to teams saying "you were in the meet", then sent an apology and rescinded spots... never happened. to those of you who sold your parents on that fairy tale to "save face", i would suggest you come clean to your parents (seeing that one in facebook groups - been sent to me several times).

5: please send this information to your parents... now they're all starting to email us looking to get a spot for their "one swimmer".

6: We do not have carve-out exceptions for "faster swimmers"... we have a cap, that's it.

7: we do not have room for "just one more swimmer"... we get it, you're being an advocate for your athlete, but we have been telling people we are full for weeks that we hit cap, and if we allow any additional teams in, they will be in the order in which they submitted.... it's the right thing to do... highly unlikely, but we have had teams back out in the past after reserving, and we were able to pass their spots onto the next eligible team... very rare, but has happened before.

Thanks, again, please communicate with your families...