



## **NAC COMPETITIVE TEAM SWIM MEET POLICIES**

### **Meet Entry Policy**

Athletes and parents are free to commit, decline or de-commit to swim meets up until the meet deadline listed on the event landing page on the swimnac.com website. The swimnac.com website automatically enforces the deadline.

Once the deadline has passed, if space is available, athletes may be entered into the meet at meet management and coach discretion. Deck entries are an administrative challenge, so they are extremely discouraged and a last resort. Please make every reasonable effort to enter the meet by the deadline in order to secure a spot in the meet.

Once the deadline has passed, athletes can NOT de-commit from the meet, and will be liable for all charges regardless of participation. Any circumstance that results in participation or non-participation of a committed meet will result in meet fees. Such circumstances include, but are not limited to: illness, change in plans, or commitment error.

The NAC staff works extremely hard to keep the deadlines as close to meet entry deadlines as possible, often with less than a 24-hour turn-around. Once a meet entry file has been sent from NAC to meet management, NAC is responsible for all of the entries included in that report, regardless of swimmer participation. In turn, you will be responsible for the meet fees.

### **Time Trial & Deck Entry Policy**

The meet committee and coaching staff go to great lengths to ensure that the athlete has a positive experience at a swim meet, whether it be at home or away. In order to run successful meets in a short time frame, following the policies and procedures to sign up for a competition and entering the appropriate events prior to the meet's deadline is crucial.

While we understand that there are unforeseen circumstances, deck entries at swim meets are at the host team and coach discretion and are a last resort in an emergency situation. Deck entries are subject to lane availability only, meaning your athlete may have limited, if any opportunity, to swim.

Throughout the season the coaching staff gets many requests to do time trials to qualify for a higher level of competition. We want to be sure that we are giving the athletes every opportunity to reach their highest level of success, but all time trials will be at the discretion of the meet referee and coaching staff. An athlete must fully take advantage of the opportunities within the team's scheduled meets and prior competitions in order to be considered for a time trial request. All time trial requests should be communicated by the athlete to their coach. If the time trial is approved, the athlete will be notified and payment for such must be submitted at the time of the request.