

## **IMPORTANT COMPETITIVE INFORMATION**

### **PRACTICE:**

Practice is the cornerstone of success in the sport of swimming. Swimmers are encouraged to come to all practices, but it is not mandatory.

### **SWIM SEASON:**

GBSC's swim year has two distinct seasons with a differing number of sessions:

1. Short Course Season: This is "indoor" season which runs from September to the end of May. Meets in this season are held in a 25 yard pool and consists of the following sessions:
  - Fall Session: September-Mid November
  - Winter Session: Mid November-February
  - Midwest Regional Session: March (swimmers must have qualifying times for the Midwest Regional meet)
  - Spring Session: April-May
2. Long Course Season: This is primarily "outdoor" season which is a single session running from June to the end of July. Meets in this season are held in 50 meter (Olympic size) pools.

### **LOCAL MEETS & CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS:**

Swim meets are available throughout the year. Emails will be sent out telling you about deadlines and information for signing up for meets.

1. Most meets within an hour of Green Bay are "developmental meets," meaning any swimmer can swim, regardless of ability. These meets are a great way for your swimmer to gain experience.
2. As your child progresses in swimming, there are other "qualification" meets, which require specific time cuts to swim at the meet.

### **COSTS/FEES:**

1. Session Fees: The fees for each swim session vary depending on its length and which group your swimmer is in.
2. USA Swimming Membership: This is an annual fee paid to USA Swimming, and is required for participation.

3. Swim Meets: Applicable fees are charged to your family account based on the meets you signed up for. Those fees can be paid similar to session fees, by check, card, or direct debit from a bank account.
- GBSC and USA Swimming fees are non-refundable. Any credits in accounts can be carried over to the next sessions for up to 1 year from last active registration. Any funds then become general team funds.

#### **WAYS TO HELP THE CLUB:**

- 1) GBSC hosts only one swim meet per year in January. It is our primary fundraising event and all families are required to participate.
- 2) Utilize our team store (<https://www.swimoutlet.com/collections/gbsc>) for your required swim gear and team merchandise.
- 3) Become involved with the team and share your ideas!