

## FAQ's

### What does it mean to "Circle in?"

- Prior to a swim meet, swimmers should notify the clerk of the course which events they would like to swim or parents should email events to the clerk of course.
- The morning of a swim meet, parents / swimmers need to arrive at the pool in time to circle their name on the posted list of events and swimmers. Typically, the sheets are posted in event order – 1 board for Boys and 1 board for Girls.
- Be sure to circle all events that the swimmer will be competing in for that meet. If there is an event listed in which the swimmer will not compete, please note this on the sheet or notify the clerk of the course. Changes to different events cannot be made on the day of the meet.
- Circle in must be completed by 7:30AM so that the clerk of the course can complete the scratches (removal from events not participating) and make necessary relay changes.
- Circle in can be completed by a friend or neighbor if you are running late or cannot be at the pool by 7:30AM.
- Any swimmer who is not circled in by 7:30AM will be scratched from all events for that meet.

### Where do I "Check in" to volunteer?

- A green topped pop up tent that has the word Volunteers printed on it will be setup close to the pool.
- Please sign in and confirm with the volunteer coordinator which task you are scheduled to work and which shift you are working.

### What is a heat sheet?

- A heat sheet is a list of all events (i.e. relays, freestyle, backstroke, etc.) that swimmers will compete for that meet.
- The list is organized by event number, provides the number of heats per event and a list of swimmers competing in each event.
- Heats are seeded from slowest qualifying times to fastest.
- The fastest swimmers per heat are put in the middle lanes.

### Where will my child be during the swim meet?

- In general, all swimmers are encouraged to report to and stay at their age group tent.
- The tent parent will escort the swimmers from the age group tent to the ready bench when their event is called.
- The swimmer will swim his/her event, exit the pool and return to their age group tent.
- If you choose to not have your child stay at the age group tent, it is your responsibility to make sure they report to the age group tent when their event is called.
- If the tent parent has already left with the group that is in the event that has been called, you should escort your child to the ready bench and make sure they join their group for the event.

What is a ready bench?

- The ready bench is an area close to the entrance of the pool that is used to stage each event prior to entering the pool.
- The ready bench volunteers will get all swimmers organized by event, heat and lane assignment.
- From there, the ready bench personnel will escort the swimmers to the pool and make sure they are in the correct lane.

Where do I find race results?

- Race results will be posted on the same boards that were used for circle in.
- Results get posted after all times have been checked and verified for an event.
- It may take 30 minutes or more after an event is complete before results are printed and posted.

How do I know what my child is swimming?

- When you circle in your child, you will see which events your child is entered in.
- You can find out from the tent parent if your child is swimming in a relay for that meet.
- You can also purchase a heat sheet which will list all swimmers in each event including relays.

What if my child can't be at a swim meet?

- If you know ahead of time that your child will not be at a meet, please notify the clerk of the course as soon as possible.
- If your child cannot compete the day of a meet (due to illness or other circumstances), please notify the clerk of the course as soon as possible or have a friend / neighbor who will be at the meet inform the clerk that your child will not be swimming.