



Swim Meet Information

Welcome to the Wheaton Swim Club. As a coaching staff, we try to make as much information available to our members as possible. We post this information on the website (www.wheatonswimming.com), the bulletin boards, and via handouts. However, it may be helpful for you to have some of the information outlined below ahead of time.

Team Apparel & Caps

All apparel is now on display at Kiefer Swim Shop in Naperville, and can be ordered by contacting them by email or phone (www.kiefer.com or 630-579-9020). You may also walk in to the Kiefer Shop. We will have a parent liaison who will help you with orders throughout the year. Kiefer will also have a representative at our walk-in registration. Team suits are also available at Kiefer, or at our walk-in registration. You may purchase team caps any time during the year from a coach or parent liaison

Financial Information

All swimmers must be members of ISI (Illinois Swimming, Inc.). This is to ensure that the swimmers, coaches, and Team are covered by insurance in case of an accident. The fee for ISI membership is \$60 per year (renewed each fall) and is non-refundable.

Swim Meet Information

Swim meet participation is probably the topic which generates the most questions. Our team philosophy is to allow swimmers and families to choose the meets which are most convenient for you. We will have an online meet sign-up, asking which meets you would like to participate in. You will not be entered in any meet you do not sign up for. Some meets may have qualifying time standards which swimmers must meet in order to participate. Details for each of these meets will be on the meet sign-up sheet and the team website. If you change your mind about participation in a meet, you must notify the team in writing *before* the deadline for entering the meet. Once we have sent in our team entry to a meet host, changes to the entry cannot be made.

The team currently plans to participate in about two travel meets (i.e. Indianapolis), 3 or 4 dual or Novice meets, and ISI On-Schedule Meets. We will also provide a championship meet for anyone who wants to participate in one (i.e. Chicagoland Swim Conference Championships, "A" State, Age Group State, etc).

All swimmers have a favorite stroke or event. However, our team philosophy is to expose swimmers to all events as they are prepared and old enough for them. We generally enter swimmers in the maximum number of events offered to their age group. Many times swimmers realize that they are good at strokes or events simply because they are exposed to them for the first time. Meet entries will be posted on the team website and made available to swimmers during practice. Meet results will also be made available on our team website.

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The coaches will produce an online meet sign-up sheet which gives each family the chance to choose which meets they will participate in throughout the season. Each meet will have a deadline by which you must submit your request to be entered. Note that each meet has a different registration process and deadline, so please read all instructions carefully, and watch your inbox for team emails about meets! Also be sure to read our Team Meet Policies online.

Home Meets

Our team will host 2-3 large meets per year, and will need everyone's help to run them successfully. We ask each family to volunteer to work at two sessions at each of our large meets. Note that all swimmers will be billed for these home meets, but will only be entered if they sign up.

Relays

Relays are considered "Team Events." Many times, we will not know who will participate on a team relay until the day of the meet. Therefore, all eligible athletes share the cost of team relays equally.

Championship Meets

All swimmers will be entered in all championship meets for which they qualify unless arrangements are made with the coaching staff. Because some meets may conflict or overlap, it is extremely important to communicate with the coaches and to watch the website during championship season.

Travel Championship Meets

Swimmers qualifying for out of town championship meets such as Sectionals, Junior Nationals, Zones, and Olympic Trials should see coach Strube for specific information on travel and costs. The team code of conduct will be strictly enforced on these trips. Swimmers must have 80% attendance to attend these meets (90% for swimmers who do spring water polo).

Coach, Swimmer, and Parent Etiquette

We ask all members of the team – staff, swimmers, parents – to remember that we are guests in any facility we use. Please treat all personnel from any facility or team with the utmost respect at all times. Never approach an official at a swim meet regarding a questionable call, etc. Please bring the matter to the attention of the coaching staff and we will discuss it with the official.

Remember that swimming is a great sport because many athletes can participate at one time. However this also means that the coaching staff is attending to many swimmers simultaneously. Please be aware of this fact during practices and meets. After practice is usually the best time to talk to a coach.



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