

Meet Sign-ups, Cancellations and Charges

Hello everyone,

I just wanted to be clear on the process of signing up for meets, meet procedure, relays and our new system of charging families for late cancellations and/or no-shows.

Signing up for meets:

1. Any schedule conflicts (ie. “we have to leave at 2pm on Sunday” or “no Saturday relays”) must be indicated on the sign-up form under the ‘comments’ section. If you have already signed up and encounter a conflict with your meet availability this **must** be communicated to myself (the head coach) first and foremost, as I am the one generating the entries and creating relays. If you talk to your group coach only, there is a chance they will not pass this information on to me in time.
2. Last-minute schedule changes and cancellations that are made within 24 hours of the start of the meet may result in families being charged for missed events. Events can cost up to \$10 per event per swimmer, and we are fortunate that we don’t have to charge families separate meet fees for every meet, as we want to encourage families to attend as many meets and swim as many events as possible. However, this results in many late cancellations and/or no-shows that cost our club and affect relays. This also causes coaches to take their attention away from coaching duties at meets to do extra admin work that could have been easily prevented.

Relays:

1. When you sign your swimmers up for a meet, it is extremely likely they will be swimming relays. I try to include every swimmer entered in a relay, so please check the Meets Board at the pool and the validation list to see what relay you’ll be swimming. Often, I will put younger swimmers in older division relays to complete a relay and have everyone swim, or for those going only one day, there is a chance I will have them swim two relays in one day, so look at *all* the relays posted.
2. Please note that the less you swim relays at regular meets, the less you will be considered for Regional relays.
3. It is the swimmers’ responsibility to double check the relays on the day of the meet. There will be a posted copy and a copy with the coaches.
4. Alternates: if you are listed as an “alternate” on a relay, you must double-check with the coaches before you leave, as we may need you to swim!
5. Swimmers/families who do not show up for relays or make relay cancellations after warm-ups at the meet will be charged the cost of the relay.