

# Meet Entry Procedure

## Texas Terrapins Swim Team

### USA Swim Meets

USA Swim Meets are typically 3 day events. There is usually a Friday evening session, Saturday, and Sunday sessions. The 8 & Under swim meets are typically on Saturdays only, while some older championship meets may last 4-7 days. Each session lasts 3-5 hours - depending on the number of total entries from all teams attending. This does not include warm-up, which is held 1-2 hours prior to the start of the meet. Swimmers are allowed to swim 3-5 events per session depending on the type of meet, as well as the age and ability level of the swimmer.

### Meet Type

1. Timed final meet – each swim in a session is final and counts for place and points.
2. Prelim/final meets – morning preliminary sessions swims qualify a swimmer to swim in an evening final session for place and points.

### Meet Entry Fees

There is a charge per event swum which is typically \$3.75 - \$4.50 depending on the age, and type of meet. Some pools like Texas A&M, and UT may charge more. Details of meet entry fees can be found in the meet “invitation” – which will be available on our TTST website under the name of the swim meet.

### Meet Entries

Swimmers are usually entered in each session. They swim 1-2 events Friday, 3-5 events both Saturday, and Sunday. A swimmer could swim 6 - 12 events per meet.

*Coaches will enter the swimmers in the events for the swim meets.* During the season the events chosen will not only be a swimmers best events, but also events that include strokes and distances that swimmers have been working on in practice. At Championship meets, the events chosen are the swimmers best events based off strokes and distances. Our goal as coaching staff is to develop well rounded swimmers that can swim all strokes and distances. Coaches encourage swimmers to swim events that are not only their best events, but events that may include weaker strokes and distances are part of the process of producing outstanding athletes.



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### **To Attend a Swim Meet - Sign up!**

Swim Families (swimmer / parents) sign up on the Texas Terrapins Swim Team web site. Coaches need to know at least 14 days prior to the meet whether you swimmer can attend the meet.

1. Click on the “EVENT” tab from home page
2. Click on the “Date and Name of Swim Meet” to read all about the meet and see the actual “invitation” which contains specifics: (sessions, events, timeline, directions, meet entry fees, etc.)
3. Click on the “Attend this Event” button. (will require log-in to the site)
  - a. Click on swimmer’s name
  - b. Make declaration: (YES will attend), or (No thanks, will not attend)
  - c. Declaring YES, will open up a section for you to select that DAY / SESSION that your athlete will be attending.
4. **\*\*\*most important\*\*\*** Comment Section: Please let coach know if your swimmer needs to leave early, come late etc. – so your swimmer can be placed in the proper stroke events.
5. Click “Save Changes” button.
6. Repeat process if you have multiple swimmers.

Once the TTST “team entry” is submitted to the hosting swim team (or site), the TTST “team entry” will be posted on the TTST web site.

Swim families will be billed their meet entry fees on the following monthly billing statement.

**Please contact the coach of your swimmer with any questions or comments regarding your swimmer’s entry into a meet.**