**MIDDLE SCHOOL SWIM LEAGUE GUIDELINES 2016-2017**

The purpose of the middle school swimming league is to promote the sport of swimming, ensure full participation of all swimmers, regardless of their level of ability, and enhance the educational experiences of students. The middle school swim league will strive to promote participation and sportsmanship to develop good citizens through interscholastic athletics, which provide equitable opportunities, positive recognition and learning experiences to students while maximizing the achievement of educational goals.

**GENERAL**:
Eligibility – The Middle School Swim League will be open to swimmers in the 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. ***No 5th graders*** ***will be allowed to swim, even exhibition.***

• Swimmers must attend the school they represent.

• Swim caps from competitive teams are not allowed and will result in disqualification.

• Swimmers may not compete in USA swimming banned suits.

**FEES:
TeamUnify:** $195 for single school $245.00 for dual schools having both a middle/high school team. The TeamUnify fee is due no later than ***November 5, 2016.*** *Schools with both a high school and middle school team may pay their fees on one check.***TeamUnify Setup Fee:** $50.00 one time fee for new schools to set up TeamUnify website.
**SCSL League Fees:** $200 for returning teams. If you are a new school or have 10 or less swimmers you may join the league for $100. This fee is due to Diana Harviel on or before the first meet. Checks should be made out to Shelby County Middle School Swim League, ***and mailed to Diana Harviel – 8151 Poplar Avenue – Germantown****,* ***TN 38138. League fees are due by Saturday November 5***

A $50 dollar fine will be imposed if payment is received after that date.  Teams will not be allowed to swim if fees are not received by December 8, 2016 ***(revised September 2016)***

**Roster:** A copy of your roster that includes each swimmer’s full name, year in school, and sorted by gender needs to be emailed to Diana Harviel at scslswim@gmail.com before the first meet. ***Finial roster is due by 12/8/16.***

**MEETS**: There will be six meets this season. Five meets will take place prior to the championship meet. All six meets will be scored this season.
**Time Line for Swim Meets:**

1. Complete all entries and sync with Team Unify website. No cards are necessary; lane timer sheets will be used. Entries should be synched to the Shelby County Website by Tuesday at noon before the date of the meet. If you have any questions, contact Tricia Davis at tdavismtac@gmail.com

2. Warm-ups begin thirty minutes prior to start of meet. Teams will be assigned lanes prior to warm-ups.
3. Volunteer workers report to station 15 minutes prior to start of meet.

4. Starter, timers, and officials are in place 10 minutes prior to start of meet.

**Order of Events: (Revised September 2016)**

200 Free Relay

50 Breast

50 Fly

100 Free

100 IM

100 Medley Relay

50 Free

50 Back

200 Free

**Needed Volunteers for Meets** - depending on number of teams entered in the meet, each team must provide at least one volunteer per meet. We need a total of 23 volunteers. Schools failing to provide a volunteer for each meet will be penalized. If a team fails to provide a volunteer their swimmers will not be allowed to participate in the meet. **(Revised August 2015**)

1. Starter/Announcer (2) (1 starts, 1 calls events to report to clerk of course).
2. Runners (1) will pick up the event slip and take to the judging table.

3. Timers (20) (2 per lane, 2 back up) Timers will fill stopwatch times – volunteers will signup using www.signupgenius.com

4. Meet Marshall (1)

**Facilities:** Meets will be held at the St. George’s Independent School Compton Aquatic Center, which is a 16-lane, 25-yard pool. Meets will be run using 10 lanes. **Format:** Warm-ups will occur thirty minutes prior to the start of the meets. Each meet will consist of 18 events. Girls start first with odd numbered events, and the boys have even numbered events.
**School Limit:** There is not a limit on number of swimmers per school per event.

**Swimmer Limit: *(changed August 2015).***Example: 3 individual events, or 2 individual events and 1 relay.
**Scoring:** All meets will be scored. Entries should be synched to the Shelby County Website by Tuesday at noon before the date of the meet. If you have any questions, contact Tricia Davis at tdavismtac@gmail.com **Relay Event Cards** - Relays need one event card per team per event. Please list relay swimmers on the back. Changes need to be made at scorers table during warm- ups.

**Swimmers without seed times will be entered in the first heat, regardless of ability.**

**Disqualifications:** USA Swimming certified stroke and turn officials will be used. Swimmers may swim in three events each meet, however only one event may be a relay

**DUAL MEETS:
School Entry Limit:** Schools are allowed to score three swimmers per individual event and one relay per relay event. Teams can have as many relays as they like and as many swimmers as they like in each event, however only one relay will score and only three swimmers per event will score.
**Event Limit: *(Revised August 2015).***Example: 3 individual events or 2 individual events and 1 relay. Swimmers may not swim more than 3 events.

**Disqualifications:** USA Swimming rules will apply. USA Swimming certified stroke and turn officials will be used. **CHAMPIONSHIP MEET**:
**Facilities:** Middle School Swimming Championship Meet will be held at the St. George's Independent School Compton Aquatic Center. Touch pads and timing equipment will be used.

**Format:** The Championship is open to all Middle School Swim Teams who have paid their dues, and all swimmers who have competed in at least one meet prior to the championship meet. ***(Revised August 2015*)** It will be a timed final meet. There will be 18 events.

**Fee:** There is no entry fee for this meet. Swimmers may swim in three events each meet, however only one event may be a relay

***SCORING:*** *8 places will score with points 9,7,6,5,4,3,2,1. Relays score double. All events are scored as timed finals.*

**Divisions:** There will be two divisions: Division A (11 or more swimmers). Division B (10 or less swimmers **(*Revised September 2016)***

**School Entry Limit:** Schools are allowed to score four swimmers per individual event and one relay per relay event. Teams may swim as many swimmers and as many relays as they like. However, only 4 swimmers will score and one relay will score

**Event Limit:** Swimmer may swim in three events. Examples may be 3 individual events, 2 individual events and 1 relay, or 1 individual event and 2 relays.

* *Swimmers may not swim more than three events.*
* *Swimmers must have swum the event during regular season to swim that event in the championship.*

***For the 200 free a swimmer must have a time a time of 3.30:00 or faster to enter. Times will be verified through TeamUnify: (revised September 2016):*** To be eligible to swim in the championship meet, swimmers must have competed in one of this year’s local middle school meets**.**

**Entry Deadline:** Coaches need to sync their team entries to Shelby County website by noon on Jan.20. If you have any questions please email tdavismtac@gmail.com.

**Scoring:** 20 PLACES: 21, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. Relays are awarded double points. All events are timed finals.

Each division scores 1st-3rd place in combined scores and first only in male and female scores. (*Revised October 2015)*

*Swimmers who miss a race at the championship meet will only be allowed to swim if there is room, but will be unable to score. (added September 2016)*

**Awards:** *Individual awards* place 1-20. Relays place 1-20. *Team Awards* - Each division would score 1st-3rd place in combined, male, and female scores. There will be one Quality Team award for each division. The award will be determined by the total # of points scored divided by number of swimmers. (*Please note if your team places in top 3 for combined, male or female division your team is not eligible for this award).* ***(Added October 2015)***

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