



2021-2022 HSC Travel Meet Fee Policy

Travel meets have become a bigger part of the Hinsdale Swim Club meet schedule over the past few years. As our swimmers have become more competitive, HSC has scheduled these meets for the opportunity for swimmers to experience the challenge and fun of a different competitive environment.

As a club we have always budgeted for our coach travel expenses, but we recognize that every athlete does not have the opportunity to travel to every meet. Given this, the Board of the Hinsdale Swim Club has decided to assign travel meet fees on a per (traveling) swimmer basis to equitably support coach overnight travel expenses (mileage, hotel, meals, airfare, etc.) Our objective is to balance a commitment to support travel meets with quality coaching with fairness to swimmers who do not participate in these meets.

We have structured our fees based on travel distance:

- For travel meets within driving distance requiring overnight stay, we will charge \$25-\$50 per swimmer. Example: Circle City Classic in Indianapolis
- For travel meets requiring air travel and overnight stay, we will charge \$50-\$100 per swimmer, with a maximum \$150 charge per family. Example: NASA Showcase Classic in Clearwater, FL

Note that these travel fees will be charged to all traveling swimmers, regardless of whether they are attending the meet either with their parents (or other adult) or being supervised by HSC coaches as part of a chaperoned meet.

These fees have been determined based on past travel in which parents are integral and provide all travel accommodations for their athletes, meaning our coaches travel only to manage and coach swimmers at the pool for the specific meet. If there are new travel opportunities that arise where coaches would need to act as a chaperone, manage and provide transportation and/or meals or be responsible for the traveling safety of athletes, fees may be greater than stated above and would be decided on a case by case basis by the Hinsdale Swim Club Board and communicated before meet entry decisions are required.

We have and will continue to manage coach travel expenses for meets very closely.

The Hinsdale Swim Club Board

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