IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ TODAY REGARDING CHANGES FOR HOLTREY MEET

Please note the procedures for Swimmer Check-in and Scratches will be different than at past Meets.

**SCRATCHES:** We are following the National Scratch Rule. As a result, swimmers must scratch an Event THE DAY BEFORE THEY SWIM. These are the cut-off times to Scratch:

- To scratch Events being swum on Thursday – Provide notice to Scratch 15 minutes after the conclusion of the General Meeting on Thursday (Meeting starts at 3:30.)
- To scratch Events being swum on Friday – Provide notice to Scratch prior to 5:50 p.m. on Thursday.
- To scratch Events being swum on Saturday – Provide notice to Scratch 30 minutes after the start of Friday’s Finals.
- To scratch Events being swum on Sunday – Provide notice to Scratch 30 minutes after the start of Saturday’s Finals.

You can provide notice to Scratch by either:

1. Reporting to the LESD Worker maintaining the Scratch Book at the Head Table. The Head Table is located on deck, next to the Pool Office or “Fish Bowl,” and is where Deck Entries are completed. A Swimmer can inform the LESD Worker assigned to “Scratches” that he/she will not be swimming certain Events. This information is documented in the Scratch Book and the Swimmer is asked to initial the entry.

2. Email Sarah Tobin at lesdentries@gmail.com prior to the deadlines identified above.

**SWIMMERS CAN COMPETE IN THREE (3) INDIVIDUAL EVENTS ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY. IF A SWIMMER IS ENTERED IN MORE THAN THREE (3) EVENTS ON THESE DAYS, PLEASE MAKE SURE TO SCRATCH PRIOR TO THE SCRATCH DEADLINES.**

- Swimmers who fail to scratch and are seeded in an Event and who subsequently fail to compete in the Event will be barred from the remaining Events of that day. Those Swimmers must also complete a positive Check-in for each remaining days’ events before they are seeded. The positive Check-in will occur at the Head Table and must be completed 30 minutes after the start of Finals, the day before the Events in question. **For example:** David signed up for 4 events on Saturday: Events 2, 5, 8, and 11. He meant to scratch Event #5 by the scratch deadline on Friday, but he forgot to do so. David shows up to swim on Saturday and tries to scratch Event 5, but he cannot do so since he missed the deadline (which was 30 minutes after the start of Friday’s Finals.) David swims his first Event without incident. David does not swim Event #5 because he intended to scratch it. David is now unable to swim his remaining Events – Events 8 and 11. Additionally, David must now complete a positive Check-in at the Scratch Table for his events on Sunday. This positive Check-in can occur at any time during Saturday’s Meet, but it must be completed prior to 30 minutes after the start of Saturday’s Finals.
CHECK-IN:

THURSDAY’S EVENTS: Thursday’s events are timed finals and require a positive check-in (Swimmer’s Circle-in their names) 15 minutes after the general meeting. Circle-in will be located at the Head Table where Scratches and Deck Entries occur.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY’S EVENTS: Check-in or swimmers’ “circling in” will occur only for the following events:

- Relays
- Individual Events – 400 meters and longer

Check-in will be completed at the Head Table where Scratches and Deck Entries occur.

A few additional notes:

The money previously paid for scratched events is NOT refundable.

Those who will not arrive by a scratch deadline may email their scratches and/or positive check-ins (Swimmer Check-in for relays and individual events 400 meters and longer) to Sarah Tobin, lesdentries@gmail.com by the relevant scratch deadlines. Bring an acknowledgement to the email with you to the meet in case of any issues.