

Frequently Asked Questions of Parents with Zone Qualifiers in Utah

First things first, congratulations to your swimmer for achieving a “q” time for the 2021 Western Zone Age Group Championship! This achievement reflects not just the dedication and hard work of swimmers and coaches, but also your contribution to support your athlete.

This “FAQ” was developed with the hope that it will provide some of the necessary information for you to feel confident in sharing in this unique meet experience. This year Zones will be a bit different due to Covid-19, so even if you have attended before, please look this over.

1. What is the Western Zone Age Group Championship Meet?

The Western Zone Age Group Championship is a USA swimming four day championship swim meet for approximately 700 athletes (smaller this year) ages 8-14 from 14 western states. Athletes compete on one of 17 “All-star” teams from their state or region. Athletes, coaches, officials, team support personnel, families of swimmers, spectators, meet volunteers, zone and national swimming leadership attend a variety of event activities.

2. When and where is the 2021 meet being held? Where can I find more information about the meet?

The 2021 Western Zone Age Group Championship meet will be held Wednesday, August 4, 2021 thru Saturday, August 7, 2021 at the LISD Westside Aquatic Center, Lewisville TX

Website:

<https://www.teamunify.com/EventShow.jsp?id=1171155&team=wzone>

3. How many States / LSC's compete in the Western Zone?

There are 14 States in the represented 17 LSC's (Local Swim Committees) which are:

Alaska, Arizona, Central California, Colorado, Hawaii, Inland Empire, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon, Pacific Swimming, Pacific Northwest, San Diego Imperial, Sierra Nevada, Snake River, Southern California, Utah and Wyoming.

Several LSC's have opted not to participate this year.

4. Who are the Team Manager and Head Coach for the Utah Age Group Zones Team?

Team Manager:	Serena Werner	secretary@utahswimming.org	801-949-7018
Head Coach:	Todd Etherington	todd@cottonwoodheights.com	
Assistant Coach:	Mike Werner		
Assistant Coach:	Kate Greenwood		
Assistant Coach:	Zach Barber		

5. Can I apply to be a chaperon for the team?

Yes. Apply online at <https://www.teamunify.com/team/lscuts/page/age-group-zones>

note: All chaperones must be current USA Swimming non-athlete members in good standing.

6. What are the time standards and how many “q” times must my swimmer have to participate in Zones?

2021 time standards are available on swimutah.com. Click on the “Age Group Zones” box under About.

Each LSC has its own guidelines regarding the number of “q” times a swimmer must have to be eligible to attend the meet. In Utah, swimmers are eligible to apply with one “q” time. There is also the possibility of “Bonus” events as determined by the Team Manager and Head Coach.

7. Can my swimmer apply if they only have short course qualifying times or have altitude adjusted times?

Yes. Short Course Yards (SCY) and Short Course Meters (SCM) times are seeded after Long Course Meters (LCM) times. Any entry time for an event 200M or longer achieved at 3,000 feet above sea level or higher may be adjusted for altitude in accordance with USA swimming guidelines. See the meet announcement, and/or check with your home club coach or the zone team head coach, if there are additional questions.

8. Are there different eligibility requirements for this meet that vary from other meets?

Yes. All athletes who compete in this meet must be part of their LSC team. These teams are essentially “All-star” type teams comprised of athletes from throughout the LSC. Just because one has a “q” time does not automatically make one eligible to compete. The athlete must also apply, and be selected, to compete on their LSC team. Athletes are expected to be regularly attending their club practices leading up to the Zone meet and in addition must compete at the Utah Long Course State meet.

9. Where do I go to find out information on how to apply for the meet? What is the application deadline?

Applications for the 2021 Utah Zone Team can be found on the Utah Swimming website: swimutah.com

Applications need to be submitted by noon, June 30th.

If a swimmer achieves a first “q” time after June 30th, please submit the on-line, application complete all required paperwork. Let the Team Manager Serena Werner (secretary@utahswimming.org) know to expect a late application.

Late applications and fees are due by noon, July 23rd.

There will be a \$50 processing fee for all applications that are turned in after June 30th.

Late athletes will be accepted on a first come basis only if there is space available.

10. Is there a difference in what the team provides to swimmers of different ages? This year No

Do to Covid-19 all athletes will be traveling with parents. All athletes will receive the same provisions this year.

11. What is the cost of attending Zones and what does it cover?

The cost to be part of the Utah Zone Team for swimmers is \$350. It covers meet fees, team apparel, snacks at the meet and coaches and chaperone travel.

Additional items that may be purchased include extra t-shirt packages (\$65 per package and should be included in initial fees paid), extra team caps (\$15 per cap) team pictures.

12. When and how should payment be made?

Checks are made payable to Utah Swimming and submitted by mail to the following address:

Utah Swimming

C/O Serena Werner

12372 S Koppers Ln. Herriman, UT. 84096

Deadline:

Checks must be received by July 7th for applications submitted by June 30th. Checks must be received by July 23rd for all late applications, (please include \$50 processing fee for late applications.)

If email confirmation is desired, include email address with the check.

Any athlete accepted and confirmed to the team, will be responsible for their team apparel and any additional items ordered.

13. When will the team apparel and backpack be delivered to the swimmers?

You can pick your gear at the team practice on Monday August 2nd.

14. Is any financial assistance available for Utah age group zone team swimmers?

Possibly. Contact Utah Swimming Diversity Committee Chair for more information.

15. I plan to stay at the team hotel are rooms available?

The team hotel is

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We are getting a great rate of \$89 per night and breakfast is included.

The following link has been provided by the hotel for a block of rooms. Last day to book is Friday, July 23.

[Book your group rate for Utah Swimming](#)

16. Will there be a parent meeting to go over the team itinerary and meet the coaches and chaperones?

Yes. The parent meeting will be on Thursday July 22nd, at 3:45 prior to the start of the Finals session warm-ups. It will be held on deck at KOPFC. The meeting will include a questions and answer time as well as the opportunity to meet the team coaches and athletes.

17. Are there any pre-meet workouts scheduled?

Yes, there will be. Monday August 2nd 8-9:30 Am at Cottonwood Height Rec Center. All athletes should attend. Gear will be handed out at this time.

18. Where and when do I drop off my swimmer?

All swimmers should plan to meet at the pool for the team warm-up. They will be checked in/out each session.

19. Is there a team flight option available?

Yes, we have tickets available for purchase on American Airlines. Tickets are \$275. They are limited so if interested in purchasing them please contact Serena.

Itinerary

Flight	Departure	Date	Time	Terminal	Arrival	Date	Time	Terminal	Cabin	Airline
AA2195	Salt Lake City Intl, UT, US (SLC)	03Aug21	08:00		Dallas/Fort Worth Intl, TX, US (DFW)	03Aug21	11:40		Economy	American Airlines
AA2066	Dallas/Fort Worth Intl, TX, US (DFW)	08Aug21	09:30		Salt Lake City Intl, UT, US (SLC)	08Aug21	11:14		Economy	American Airlines

20. Is there an opportunity to meet my swimmer during the event?

Possibly, however for athlete safety the deck and team areas will be closed and only accessible to designated USA registered staff members. Parents/Officials are not allowed in the team area at any time.

21. What happens if my child is sick or there is an emergency?

Team chaperones are responsible for the well-being of your swimmer during the meet. They will require releases and waivers as part of the application process. If there are any special medical issues to be aware of please disclose on your application forms. Chaperones will have your contact information should it be necessary to contact you.

22. Where do spectators park at the facility?

TBD

23. Where can I find the meet sanction to see which days my swimmer will be competing?

Visit westernzoneswimming.org and select the age group zone meet. The events, and other information, are located in the Meet Announcement. The head coach and team manager will send out the events athletes are entered in once entries are finalized.

24. Can you provide a list of key deadlines?

What:

Application due to Utah Swimming

Date:

June 30th, 2021

Check Received By:

July 7th, 2021

Late Application due to Utah Swimming
First Parent Meeting
Utah Zones Team Workout/Apparel Distribution
Team Practice in Texas

July 23rd, 2021
July 22nd, 2021
July 31st, 2021
August 3rd, 2021

July 23rd, 2021

25. Admission tickets (includes heat sheet):

Details will be posted on the meet website.

26. Timing signups.

TBD

27. Saturday Athlete Dinner and Social

Team Utah will be doing a team Dinner on Saturday night. Details will be emailed to you.

Meet websites:

The Western Zone website (www.westernzoneswimming.org) also has meet pages