

CHAMPIONSHIPS FALL 2012

Championship meet is quickly approaching. This season's goal for championships is to improve last years points overall participation and for everyone to improve their times. In order to accomplish this goal, we need everyone's help! The following should include everything you need to know about Championships. If you have questions about anything please feel free to ask the coaches.

What are Championships?

The Super Bowl of swimming & diving! This is the meet that the athletes have worked all season for and it is a lot of fun! We strongly encourage everyone to participate. **Every member of this team has an important role and makes a contribution!**

Each age group swims against all the other age groups in the league. For example all of our 8 & unders will compete with all the other 8 & under swimmers in SMSL. The meet includes all the events that were swam in the dual meets throughout the season. Each swimmer is allowed to swim up to four events at least one of which must be a relay. Your swimmer(s) will get some say in the events they swim; we will ask them their top three choices and do our best to honor as many requests as possible. We place swimmers in events in which they will perform their best as well as score best. Please note that the events the swimmers pick are not always the events they will perform the best in. A great deal of time and effort is put into finding the absolute best combination for the **TEAM**.

Scoring:

- Four swimmers from each team can score in each individual event
- Two relays from each team are allowed to score in each relay event
- Scores are kept throughout each age group with all scores added together to determine how we finish as a team.
- The meet would not be the same without maximum participation. Numbers do make a difference!

When and where are Championships?

Saturday December 1st at Saline High School

8 & Under: Arrive by 7:15 AM, Warm ups 7:30AM, Meet start 8:30AM

9-10: Arrive by 11:45 AM, Warm ups Noon, Meet start 1:00 PM

Sunday December 2nd at Saline High School

13 & Up: Arrive by 7:15 AM, Warm ups 7:30AM, Meet start 8:30AM

11-12: Arrive by 11:45 AM, Warm ups Noon, Meet start 1:00 PM

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A great deal of time and thought goes into the line-up for this meet and it is very important that we know the status of all swimmers. So please let Nick know if you will NOT attend. **ANY SWIMMERS UNABLE TO ATTEND SHOULD TELL A COACH ASAP! Work on the line-up is in progress and is due to the league very soon!!!!**

If you are entered in Championships and something comes up, **please** let us know as soon as possible. Any “no shows” result in a fine for SST. If a swimmer or diver does not show up on the day of championships, the financial responsibility of paying that fine then falls to that family. We would hate to scratch someone who is running late and will arrive late: **HOWEVER**, the cut off times for coaches to turn in final paperwork and entries is **BEFORE WARM UPS ARE DONE! So please let us know if you are running late and please be on time! If you have a special situation, just let one of the coaches know!** Remember swimmers that don't show affect not only themselves but relay teammates as well!

Our goal is to make this meet a success for everyone. Every swimmer is strategically placed for the best possible results. **Please make every effort to attend!** We have had a great season! Let's finish strong!

IMPORTANT NUMBERS AND CONTACTS

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Nick's Cell – 734-320-1967

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LAST MINUTE REMINDERS

Swimmers & Divers Should Bring:

- Extra towels
- Warm clothes
- Healthy snacks
- A blanket to sit on is not a bad idea either.
- Games and calm entertainment for the younger ones
- Shoes are required at most pools in order to go into the lobbies
- Spare caps and goggles
- Remember suits and caps must represent SST or be generic, they may not have writing or a logo from another program (i.e. CW, SHS, also caps cannot have more than one brand (Speedo))
- Swimmers should stay in the team/marshaling area so they can be found when they are needed!