Tentative Fall / Winter Meets 2019-2020

Most of these are the meets for the silver, gold, and platinum groups. We expect you to attend at least one meet a month. Bronze swimmers may swim these meets. However, we will be scheduling novice “mini” meets for those swimmers. We plan on having at least one novice/mini meet a month. After a few novice meets bronze level swimmers should start looking for good weekend meets to try. Team meets and Novice/C meets will be good meets to try. More “mini” meets will be scheduled once we know the schedule for the High School boys.

The schedule is tentative because there is no guarantee we can get into all these meets. Entries are accepted by the host team in the order in which they are received. Many high demand meets will fill less than a minute after entries are open. If needed we might need to change to a different meet on the same weekend. There may be a weekend in which all meets fill and we cannot swim that weekend. In such a situation we may try to enter a meet the following weekend where no meet is on this schedule or we may turn an optional meet into a team meet.

# Signing up for meets

Signing up for meets will be done on line on our website. Log on to the site. Click the “events” bar near the top of the website. Find the meet you are entering. Click the “edit commitment” bar and follow the directions and make choices from there. For swimmers in the silver, gold, and platinum groups we recommend pre-registering by committing to the meet before complete meet information is available.

You may Pre-register for meets by selecting “yes” for committing to a meet before meet information is published. When meet information becomes available you can choose events. If a meet requires immediate entries, coaches can choose tentative evets and send entries in quickly. Events usually can be changed, and you may withdraw from the meet before the “change and withdrawal” deadline. Pre-registered swimmers are more likely to get into a high demand meet.

If you wait for the meet information you must sign up by the “entry” deadline for the meet. You may sign up even if you are not sure you can make it. We can withdraw swimmers from a meet without entry fees or change events up to the “change and withdrawal” deadline about two weeks before the meet. After that deadline you may not withdraw and your meet fee cannot be refunded.

# Meets for everyone

* Team meets are our main meets where we have most of our swimmers competing with the best team atmosphere. All experienced swimmers should include these meets in their schedule. We do one team travel meet a season for team building and a great experience.
* Optional meets are for swimmers who cannot attend a team meet, specialty meets for certain swimmers (Elite), and extra meets for those who want or need more competitive opportunities.
* Novice and Mini meets are for beginning competitive swimmers. They have events and formats designed for new swimmers. Bronze level swimmers should attend as many of these meets as possible.
* Championship meets are our season ending meets. There is a championship meet for all levels of swimmers. We want our swimmers to attend the highest level championship meet in which they qualify. These are a special type of team meet.

All swimmer qualify for “Open” meets. If a meet requires qualifying times the information will explain what level are required (B, BB, A, Ch). Away Novice meets may show the upper limit that qualifies (no one faster). Mini meets are unofficial practice meets for new swimmers (Usually bronze). More mini meets will be scheduled in December and January.

# Tentative meet schedule

Date Host (Site) Target groups Type

Sept. 26 VCTY Waconia bronze Mini Meet

Oct. 3 VCTY Delano bronze Mini meet

Oct. 13 VCTY all Team

Oct. 26-27 SDVL all Optional

Nov. 2-3 WEST or HURR all Team

Nov. 7 VCTY Delano bronze Mini meet

Nov. 10 FOXJ bronze, silver Novice

Nov. 17 MONC all Optional

Nov. 23-24 HTSC all Optional

TBA VCTY bronze Mini meet

Dec. 7-8 STC or WAVE all Team

Dec. 14-15 RSC gold, platinum Elite

Dec. 21-22 MYWO (St. Kate) all Optional

Jan. 4-5 STC or VCTY (5th) all Team

Jan. 10-12 FOXJ gold, platinum Elite

Jan. 25-26 Souix Falls all Team Trip

Feb. 8-9 HURR or NSAC all Team

Feb. 14-16 RSC gold, platinum Elite

Feb. 22-23 MAC bronze, silver Championship

Feb. 28-Mar 1 MRC silver, gold, platinum Championship

Mar. 5-8 Sr. State platinum Championship

Mar. 12-15 14U State gold, platinum Championship

# Meet information and communication

We will e-mail meet information well before the meet (often more than a month before). There will be both an entry deadline and a withdrawal deadline. Entries or withdrawals will not be accepted past these deadlines. A few days before the meet we will e-mail a timeline and final entries including tentative relays (relays may change or be scratched due to illness and other absences).

# Meet fees

All meets have fees to pay the costs of hosting the meet and support the host team. Meet fees will be charged to your account shortly after the meet. If you need to scratch out of a meet you must do so before the “Change and Withdrawal” deadline in the meet information or you will be charged the fees (with the exception of hospitalization/major injury/family emergency).

# Choosing events

When you commit to a meet the event sign up page will show (Unless you are pre-registering for a meet before the meet information is available). We believe that young individuals need to learn to make decisions to mature. The swimmers usually know what events they can handle. We would like swimmers to try at least one new event each meet until they have tried every event (very young swimmers do not need to try as many events). You should sign up for events in your age group (“Open” events are usually meant for 15 and older swimmers) (Some meets do not use age groups. Then all events are listed as “Open”). Some meets have minimum or maximum qualifying times. Then you may only enter events in which your time qualifies. Those events will be in black lettering. You are not qualified to swim events shown in red lettering. Events for “mini meets” will be the same for all swimmers. You will not need to sign up for events at mini meets. Just say “yes” to commit to meet.