

WNCY Piranhas: Guide to Swim Meets

Swim meets are not required, but we strongly recommend that all swimmers attend them. They show the swimmers that their hard work pays off and it also gives the swimmers a better chance to socialize with their teammates. We find that swimmers who attend meets stick with the sport for longer.

Where to Find the List of Available Swim Meets?

On the team unify website under the 'Events' tab you will find upcoming team events and swim meets. If you click on the event you can see who the event is for, where it will be located as well as the dates of the event. We will update these as more information is provided to us. There is also a registration date listed, you need to sign up for the event by that date. When it is available we will attach a pdf with additional meet information.

Our first meet of the season is always the October Opener Meet which is hosted by our team at the beginning of October. This is a great first meet of the season and we encourage all of our swimmers to attend. The rest of the meets for the Fall and Winter will be listed under events following the North Carolina USA Swimming House of Delegates Meeting at the end of September.

How Do I Register My Child for a Swim Meet?

When you are on Team Unify and you register for a meet, you need to leave a "note" for the coaches letting us know which days to sign your child up for the meet and any other information we should know.

To do this, follow the steps below:

1. Go to our team website
2. Click on the "Events" tab
3. Select the meet you are wishing to attend
4. Click on the "Edit Commitment" tab at the top right of the page (highlighted in pink)
5. In the drop down box, click "Yes, please sign (name) up for this event".
6. Directly below the drop down box is a text box for you to leave a note. This is where you inform us how many days you will be attending the meet.

Even if the event file has been uploaded, please do not select your child's events. Coaches choose events, parents do not. Due to the volume of emails concerning events we are no longer able to keep up and must ask that you do not contact us about this subject. Thank you for your understanding in this matter

How Do I Make a Payment for a Swim Meet?

Payment for swim meets is different from registration; it is a two part process. **You must register your child online prior to the registration deadline AND pay at the front desk.** You can pay for a swim meet at the front desk of any YMCA of WNC center (Reuter YMCA,

Asheville YMCA, Hendersonville YMCA, Black Mountain YMCA, or Corpening YMCA) by credit card, check or cash. All you must do is tell one of the front desk workers that you would like to “register my child for a swim team program.”

From there you must know:

1. The name of the swim meet
2. How many days you are looking to pay for (how many days you will be attending the meet) from there the front desk can take you payment and print you a receipt.

Please pay for your swimmer prior to the meet or a late fee of \$15.00 will be tacked on to the meet fee price. We pay for all swimmers to swim in the meet shortly after the registration deadline. All swimmers that register for the meet must pay regardless of whether or not they swim in the meet. **If you do not specify in the notes which days you would like us to sign your child up for we will assume that they would like to swim all days of the meet and you will have to pay that at the front desk.**

How Do I Know What Time My Swimmer Needs to Be at the Meet?

Warm-up times for meets are listed in the pdf attached to the meet information. They will also be sent out via email the week of the event when we receive them from the host team. This is usually on the Wednesday or Thursday prior to the meet. Warm-up times often change slightly based on the number of teams and swimmers entered in a meet so pay attention to the warm-up time listed in this email rather than the one in the pdf information just in case it has changed. **Please do not bug the coaches about this; they will be emailed out on Wednesday or Thursday prior to the meet as soon as we know what they are.** Swimmers should always arrive at least 15 minutes prior to warm-up and be ready to swim when warm-up begins.

What Does My Swimmer Need to Bring to a Meet?

Swimmers should bring towels, goggles, snacks, waters, and a swim cap to a meet. Some meets may have seating accommodations, but most do not. A fold-up chair is an option to bring and would provide the swimmer a place to sit in between events. Also, many of the meets have a concession stand where swimmers can buy healthy snack options such as bagels and Gatorade. Lastly, swimmers should bring sharpies to meet to write down the events they are swimming on their arms.

What Does My Swimmer Need to Wear?

All swim team members will receive a black and white Piranhas team shirt in the fall/winter of each year and team cap at their first meet. Our team suit is a plain black suit. You can purchase an Arena black suit from our swim and tri shop, or just a plain black suit of your choice. To help keep swimmers warm in between events, they should bring their Piranhas t-shirt, sweatshirts, sweatpants, and jackets to the meet.

You can purchase swim suits, arena gear and equipment at our swim and tri shop by taking the following steps:

1. Go to our Team Unify website
2. hold your mouse icon over the “parent info” tab
3. scroll down to the “WNCY apparel” tab
4. click on the swim and tri link

http://www.swimandtri.com/Scripts/TeamView_WNCYPirhanas.aspx

Can I See My Swimmer’s Events Before We Get to the Meet?

You can view your child’s events for a given meet after the entry has been submitted and the coaches have completed the entries. You can use the team unify website or the team unify phone app which is called “OnDeck.” Your login and password will be the same as your team unify account.

Please do not contact the coaches about your swimmer’s events. Coaches choose events, swimmers and parents do not. If your child would like to try something new in future meets, please have your child discuss this with their coach. Due to the volume of emails concerning events we are no longer able to keep up and must ask that you do not contact us about this subject. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

How Does My Swimmer Know What and When They are Swimming?

To help swimmers know what event and when they are swimming the coaches and parents use sharpies to draw a chart on the swimmer’s arm. The chart includes the event number, lane, heat, and stroke of the event. This makes it easier for swimmers to keep track of what they are swimming to make sure they make their events on time. Below is an example of what a chart looks like.

EX: If the swimmer was Brandi Miller, this is her event, heat, and lane.

YMCA Seahorse Swim Team	
2007 Upper	
Meet P	
Heat 2 (#71 Girls 11-12 200 LC Meter IM)	
1 Spradlin, Mary Ida E	11 YWNC-NC 3:50.22
2 Cromer, Madison R	11 TRY-NC 3:36.39
3 Chafin, Melissa L	12 YOTA-NC 3:34.16
4 Short, Hunter A	12 YSST-NC 3:27.50
5 Land, Emily A	12 YWNC-NC 3:30.26
6 Starrett, Lyndsey C	11 YOTA-NC 3:35.52
7 Desai, Janki P	11 YWNC-NC 3:48.39
8 Sheehan, Haley E	12 YOTA-NC 4:10.99
Heat 3 of 5 Finals	
1 Procopii, Marinela	11 YSST-NC 3:25.43
2 Agner, Sarah C	12 RACY-NC 3:22.17
3 Dugarte, Suanny C	12 WSY-NC 3:20.90
4 Martin, Leanna M	11 RAYS-SC 3:15.69
5 Rossberg, Maggie S	11 CYAC-VA 3:20.58
6 Case, Michelle E	11 RAYS-SC 3:20.94
7 Miller, Brandi C	11 YWNC-NC 3:25.41
8 Merta, Samantha L	11 YSST-NC 3:27.23
Heat 4 of 5 Finals	
1 Ammons, Payton A	12 YWNC-NC 3:10.28
2 Schwehr, Andrea M	12 YOTA-NC 3:08.29
3 Barnes, Taylor M	11 RAYS-SC 3:03.66
4 Fletcher, Katherine H	12 WSY-NC 3:00.54

Event Number	Heat Number	Lane Number	Distance/Stroke
71	3	7	200 IM

It will look like this written on your swimmer's arm or leg. You will do this for all of the events written on your child.

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71	3	7	200 M

Additional Information:

Our team is registered as a USA Swimming and YMCA team. This means that our swimmers swim in both YMCA and USA Swimming meets. Keep in mind that all swimmers who qualify and wish to swim in YMCA Championship Meets will need to have participated in 3 YMCA only swim meets during the season. We will specify in the event description which meets these are.

All training groups will have at least one **focus meet** towards the end of each season that they will work towards and rest for. Some of these meets have "qualifying standards" or "time standards" which are times that the swimmer must meet to be entered in the meet. They can be found on the website under the 'time standards' tab. These meets are important to the swimmers and the team. They work so hard and it is important to give them goals. Our training each season is designed around this principle. Please note these dates ahead of time and mark them in your calendar. They will be posted under events on the website. They are usually in March and July.