

## Frequently asked swim meet questions

### What meets should my swimmer attend?

A seasonal meet schedule is carefully crafted by the staff in order to give our athletes the meet experiences they need to develop according to our developmental plan. The meet schedule is listed on our website under the Schedules tab.

### What if my child receives a disqualification (DQ)?

Disqualifications or DQ's are an inevitable part of the learning process and should not be viewed as negative. The volunteer officials job is to ensure fair competition and to make sure the athletes are performing strokes that are legal. They are also calling out stroke and turn errors. If you have a question about your swimmers disqualification, see your child's coach. *Under no circumstance should you approach or question an official on deck regarding a swimmer disqualification.*

### Are there meet awards?

Meets vary regarding if/how many individual awards they will provide to athletes. Please refer to the meet sheet for details regarding awards. You must pick up your swimmers awards at the meet.

### What are the swimming seasons?

**Short Course Season** This season runs from Sept 1 until March 31 each year. Meets are generally swum in a 25-yard pool.

**Long Course Season** This season runs from April 1 to August 31 each year. Meets are generally swum in a 50-meter pool.

### What is a meet time standard?

Time standards assist swimmers with measuring their improvement. They also establish minimum entry requirements for some meets. Time standards are different for each season and for each type of pool, SCY means Short Course season times attained in a 25-Yard pool. LCM means Long Course times obtained in a 50-Meter pool. To locate the time standard for a swimmer's event, you must know what season it is,

what type of pool it is, and you must know the swimmer's gender, age and event.

### **What are the age group classifications?**

There are seven different age group classifications recognized by United States Swimming: 8 & Under, 10 & Under, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18, and Senior. The senior classification includes any swimmer who has achieved the prescribed qualifying time for the event. Not all age group classifications are offered at every swim meet. The swimmer's age on the first day of the meet will govern the swimmers age for the entire meet.