

Swim Meet General Information

The swim meets are what all the practicing is for! The Coaches will decide what events your child will swim in the meet. In each meet, a swimmer may swim three individual events (butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle or individual medley). Swimmers may also participate as a member of two relay teams (medley relay and freestyle relay). Kids swim against other swimmers in their own age group and gender. Each event may have several heats of swimmers, depending on the number of lanes in the pool and the number of swimmers. All swimmers will receive a "heat" ribbon based on their finish at the end of their heat by the timers.

There is an event board, which is changed at the end of every event. Consult it to see when to get your child ready for his/her next event and have them at the ready-bench area two events in advance.

Swimmers will be individually timed in each event. The top three times for each team earns points for the team in that event. These swimmers will receive an "event" ribbon based on the overall order of finish (1st through 6th place) for the entire event. The event ribbons are distributed to the swimmers in the "Communication Box" the following week. The team with the most points at the end of the meet is the winning team for that meet.

Heat Sheets. These event assignment sheets are posted at every meet. Each Hammerhead family is provided a free heat sheet at the beginning of each home meet. Look to find out what number event(s) and what heat your child is swimming. Watch the event board to have your child ready for their next event. Heat sheets are usually e-mailed to you the night before the meet.

Watch Your Child at the Meets. Communication between you and your child at the meet can help them avoid a missed swim. Help the younger ones watch the event board and be aware of when to get to the ready bench area, two events prior to their swim. Also, help make sure your swimmer is resting between his/her swims, and not roughhousing or acting inappropriately.

Order of Swim Meet Events.

This is the order of the 68 events at every meet. Each event will be announced prior to the race. Watch the event board.

		Event Name		
Girl's Event #	1	8 & Under 100 Medley Relay	Boy's Event #	2
	3	10 & Under 100 Medley Relay		4
	5	13 & Under 200 Medley Relay		6
	7	18 & Under 200 Medley Relay		8
	9	6 & Under 25 Freestyle		10
	11	7 & 8 25 Freestyle		12
	13	9 & 10 25 Freestyle		14
	15	11 & 12 25 Freestyle		16
	17	13 & 14 50 Freestyle		18
	19	15-18 50 Freestyle		20
	21	8 & Under 25 Breastroke		22
	23	9 & 10 25 Breastroke		24
	25	11 & 12 25 Breastroke		26
	27	13 & 14 50 Breastroke		28
	29	15-18 50 Breastroke		30
	31	9 & 10 100 Individual Medley		32
	33	11 & 12 100 Individual Medley		34
	35	13 & 14 100 Individual Medley		36
	37	15-18 100 Individual Medley		38
	39	6 & Under 25 Backstroke		40
	41	7 & 8 25 Backstroke		42
	43	9 & 10 25 Backstroke		44
	45	11 & 12 25 Backstroke		46
	47	13 & 14 50 Backstroke		48
	49	15-18 50 Backstroke		50
	51	8 & Under 25 Butterfly		52
	53	9 & 10 25 Butterfly		54
	55	11 & 12 25 Butterfly		56
	57	13-14 50 Butterfly		58
	59	15-18 50 Butterfly		60
	61	8 & Under 100 Free Relay		62
	63	10 & Under 100 Free Relay		64
	65	13 & Under 200 Free Relay		66
	67	18 & Under 200 Free Relay		68