SCCA Sharks

Parent's Survival Guide for Swim Meets

We want your swim team experience to be awesome! We hope these pointers will help you and your child have lots of fun, swim fast times, and make great memories.

* Make sure your child stays hydrated and has a few snacks. Too much or too little of these can be bad news. Bring a couple of towels. The mornings can be chilly and the towels don't dry fast enough. Also, bring a blanket to sit on or chairs.

* Encourage your child to cheer for their teammates. Relays are especially exciting because the four swimmers are swimming and cheering for each other from start to finish. Cheering enhances everyone's experience at the meet.

* If your child needs to scratch an event (they are signed up for an event but cannot swim the race for a particular reason), please okay it with the coaches.

* The coaches want to give swimmers feedback. Try and encourage your swimmer to come see one of the coaches before and after each event. We may be busy taking times or other various tasks, but we want to give your child some coaching and encouragement.

* The Horsetooth League voted to allow disqualifications by trained volunteer officials. You can help the coaches by encouraging good habits of the biggies: no touching the ground, touch the wall on turns, and don't use the lane line.

* Familiarize yourself with the order of events. It will greatly help you and your child be more relaxed and prepared. See the other side for the meet order and more information on heats, lanes, and other information.

* Some meets will have a heat sheet or program available. This will have all the events and swimmers with lane assignments and times. You may enjoy having all that information or it may be too overwhelming for you.

Feel free to let us know if there is anything we can help you with!

Order of Events

EVENT #: Odds are girls, Evens are boys Age Group: Swimmers may move up an age group but not down

#1/2: 8 & Under 100 medley relay Medley Relay: Backstroke, #3/4: 9-10 200 medley relay Breaststroke, #5/6: 11-12 200 medley relay Butterfly, Freestyle #7/8: 13-14 200 medley relay #9/10: 15-18 200 medley relay #11/12: 8 & Under 25 backstroke #13/14: 9-10 50 backstroke #15/16: 11-12 50 backstroke Swimming Shorthand: #17/18: 13-14 100 backstroke FR = Freestyle BA = Backstroke #19/20: 15-18 100 backstroke BR = Breaststroke FL = Butterfly IM = Individual Medley #21/22: 8 & Under 25 freestyle R = Relay MR = Medley Relay #23/24: 9-10 50 freestyle #25/26: 11-12 50 freestlye #27/28: 13-14 50 freestyle #29/30: 15-18 50 freestyle #31/32: 8 & Under 25 butterfly #33/34: 9-10 50 butterfly #35/36: 11-12 50 butterfly #37/38: 13-14 100 butterfly Heats and lanes are seeded by entry times. #39/40: 15-18 100 butterfly Each heat gets faster and lane 4 is the fastest seed in a heat #41/42: 8 & Under 25 breaststroke #43/44: 9-10 50 breaststroke #45/46: 11-12 50 breaststroke #47/48: 13-14 100 breaststroke #49/50: 15-18 100 breaststroke Some events may be combined to make #51/52: 8 & Under 50 freestyle the meet go faster #53/54: 9-10 100 freestyle #55/56: 11-12 100 freestyle #57/58: 13-14 100 freestyle #59/60: 15-18 100 freestyle #61/62: 8 & Under 100 individual medley Individual Medley: #63/64: 9-10 100 individual medley Butterfly, #65/66: 11-12 100 individual medley Backstroke, #67/68: 13-14 200 individual medley Breaststroke, Freestyle #69/70: 15-18 200 individual medley