

Feb 2, 2010

Hey Everyone,

Thanks for a great home meet! The kids had a blast and we swam well. I had several parents give great compliments to how we ran the meet and great feedback from some of our own that it was fun to work with each other. Glad to see it was a positive experience for everyone involved.

We are in the back half of the season and our championship meets will be upon us before you know it. I wanted to get a few things out to you so we are all prepared for them.

1. Remember, in order to participate in the YMCA championship meets:

a. You need to have been registered by Dec 1, 2009 and a member in good standing the past 30 days.

b. You need to have swum 3 Y meets (duals, tris or invites) during the short course season. If you are involved in a High School Team you only need 2. USAS meets do not count.

2. Junior districts (Feb 27 at Clinton Y) will be our first one. This date is changed from the info on our web site.

* It is for 12 and Unders only without district cuts in the event you want to swim. (see Time standards on our web site)

*If you do swim an individual event at Junior districts you may NOT swim an Individual at Districts no matter what the event, however, you can still swim in relays.

*3 Events MAX

*Advantage: There are medals from 1-8 and Rosettes for 9-16. If your child has 1 cut, you might want to attend so he/she can swim 3 events and build some confidence and have fun with placing and receiving some "hardware" even though he/she will not be able to swim the event in which he/she has the District cut.

3. Districts (March 6 and 7 at Normal Community HS).

*This is a Sat Prelim and Sunday Final meet. Boys Sat morning and girls Sat afternoon. Both participate in finals on Sunday which will be top 8 from prelims in each event.

* District guidelines will be posted on our website. IF you are very close to a cut sometimes you can still participate in that event. If you are close ASK WILL if you should enter that event.

* Advantage: Championship style meet. Spirit awards, team awards, relays.

* Since this is a TEAM event I may ask some kids to swim some things that they did not sign up for to try to score more points. For instance, if we have a large number of qualifiers in the 50 free, but few in the 100 IM. I may move a few of them to the 100 IM. We can only score 4 people in each event and 1 relay.

* You can only qualify for the Area meet at this event.

4. IL/MO Area (Sometimes called State Championships, March 20-21 with a Time trial on Friday night the 19th at Kishwaukee Y, DeKalb, IL)

* If you qualify for this meet from District you are expected to attend--even if you are only on a relay.

* Boys Championships are on March 20 prelims and finals

* Girls Championships are on March 21 prelims and finals

All meet packets should be posted on our website later today for more info.

5. Our meet with Mattoon from last Sat has been rescheduled. We will need help with this home meet.

* It will be a tri meet with Clinton on Sunday Feb 21 at McKinley Y. Warm up noon, Meets start 1:00

* Please note: this meet will be for our beginners and people who absolutely need another Y meet. Otherwise I expect everyone to train that day. Normal practices will be available at Centennial.

* Advantage: high level of competition, team awards, relays.

6. DEADLINES for online registration:

Junior Districts: Mon Feb 15

Districts: Sun Feb 21

Mattoon / Clinton Tri: Feb 17

HEAT Time Trial: Feb 24

AREA: all qualifiers will automatically be entered into the Area Championship meet by the District host.

If you are planning on attending:

Senior State: Feb 23

Age group Champs: March 2

I know this was probably a lot of info, but I hope this clears up most of the confusion,

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