



## Meet Registration

### How do I register for a meet?

1. From the Hurricanes homepage, find the meet for which you'd like to register under "Meets and Events".
2. Click the "Edit Commitment" button (if you are not logged in, you will be asked to do so).
3. Click on your swimmer's name in the lower left side of the page.
4. In the "Declaration" drop down menu, choose "Yes, please sign [swimmer] up for this event".
5. Make any notes in the "Notes" box (available Sunday only, for example).
6. If you are able to choose specific events, they will be displayed below your declaration. Choose the events by checking the boxes in the left column. If individual events are not shown, you may enter your choices in the "Notes" box.
7. When you have finished your entries, click the "Save Changes" button on the lower right.
8. You should receive a meet entry confirmation to the email associated with your Hurricanes account once the meet registration is complete.

### How firm are meet sign up deadlines?

Meet deadlines are very firm, and often out of our control. We have meet deadlines for a reason, and though they seem very early, we need that time to finish putting entries in and getting everything to the host team so they have time to do everything that they need to do. Many meets also fill to capacity very early, so delayed entry simply means there is no more space in that meet. There are *lots* of email reminders to sign up for meets (make sure you can receive all TeamUnify emails). If you just missed the deadline - say, by an hour - then email your lead coach and they'll let you know if they can still get you in or not. If you have any interest in going to a particular meet, please register soon as possible. We recommend signing up for all the meets you plan to attend at the beginning of the season. It's always easier to remove someone from a meet than get them added after the deadline.



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### **How much do meets cost?**

The cost of each meet varies, depending on several factors, including things such as venue and type of meet. You can find the fees for a meet by clicking on the meet in the “Meets and Events” section of our homepage. Within that meet, it will be listed in the information as “Fees”. For most meets, there is an entry fee and a splash (per event) fee. Swimmers do not pay to participate in relays, only individual events. These fees are billed monthly.

### **Should my swimmer and I choose meet events, or does the coach?**

Swimmers are encouraged to indicate events that they’d like to swim at a meet. Parents can also be a part of this process, but encourage your swimmer to be the one choosing events and asking why they want to do that event over some of the others. That being said, it’s good for swimmers to try new things and not always swim the same events every time. Coaches have the final decision on all meet entries, so if a coach notices a swimmer is choosing the same events at each meet, they may switch an event here or there to give the swimmer a new challenge. Coaches will only sign swimmers up for events that they believe they are ready for!

### **When I register for a meet, I can see the individual events, but am unable to register for certain ones.**

Some meets have qualifying time requirements. Your swimmer must have an established time that is *as fast or faster* than the qualifying time to swim that specific event. The far right column of the registration page will show any required qualifying times. NT (no time) entries or those with times greater than the qualifying time are not eligible. Events that your swimmer qualifies for will appear in black, while ones they do not qualify for will appear in red.

### **My swimmer is swimming different events than they chose. Why?**

Lead coaches have the final approval for meet entries and may change events to promote new challenges and personal development of the swimmer. Coaches will only sign swimmers up for events that they believe they are ready for.



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### **Does my swimmer have to swim the max number of events at a swim meet?**

No, not necessarily. Usually it's a max of 3-4 individual events per day at a meet and if there are relays, then 1 relay is allowed. It depends on the level of your swimmer. If they're a new swimmer, then maybe only 2 events a day is okay for them. If they are a more advanced swimmer, they will often be swimming the max number of events for a meet.

### **If we can't commit to the entire weekend, should we still sign up for a meet?**

Even if you can only come for 1 day - come! It's always good to have meet experience since you're in competitive swimming. This allows you to see what you can do, how far you've come and will help you set goals for practice. If you plan to only attend one day of a meet, please indicate which day in the "Notes" section when committing to the meet.

### **Are there specific meets I should be sure to attend?**

Depending on your group, there may be different requirements for how many meets to attend. As a rule of thumb, defer to lead coaches. Regardless of group, championship meets should be a priority.