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COUNTY YMCA SWIM TEAM FAQ SHEET

Q. Who is eligible to be on Swim Team?

- A. Participants must be able to swim one length (25 yards) freestyle and one length backstroke without any assistance and without stopping. All swimmers must have a YMCA of Greater Erie membership in order to participate; this is a National YMCA guideline.

Q. How much does it cost to be on Swim Team?

- A. For the first swimmer the cost will be \$220 and then \$200 for any additional swimmers in your family. High School swimmer's cost is \$125 with coach verification.

Q. What does my registration fee cover?

- A. Coach wages, pool rental fees, general operating costs, and dual meets.

Q. What does my registration fee not cover?

- A. Swim suit, goggles, and training equipment, team clothing, special events, invitationals, and championship meet costs.

Q. Where do we practice?

- A. PennWest Edinboro University's McComb Fieldhouse.

Q. When do we practice?

- A. Practice will tentatively begin on Monday, October 2, 2023. Practices are on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays between 5:00-6:30pm. The practice schedule is subject to change based on campus activities. Practice time and length may be adjusted throughout the season.

Q. When can we sign up?

- A. The Swim Team will host an in-person registration night on Monday, September 25 from 6:00-8:00pm. Online registration will be available beginning Tuesday, September 26. The required paperwork for the YMCA and PennWest Edinboro has changed. We advise all families to attend the in-person registration night to ensure all paperwork is completed properly and to answer any questions. Swimmers will not be permitted to attend practice until all paperwork has been filed in compliance with the YMCA and PennWest Edinboro.

Q. What if I cannot make every practice?

- A. We understand and encourage you to make as many as you can. The more practices you attend, the more you will gain from our program. There are minimum practice attendance requirements based on a swimmer's age group. Swimmers 10 and younger must attend a minimum of 1 practice per week. Swimmers 11 and older must attend a minimum of 2 practices per week. High School swimmers with a signed coach verification are not subject to the practice attendance requirement. If a swimmer does not feel well or does not wish to practice, we ask parents to excuse swimmers from practice to maintain the overall health and wellbeing of our swimmers and coaches.

Q. Do I have to compete?

- A. We are a competitive swim team. You will benefit and gain life lessons by competing. We strongly encourage you to compete.

Q. What do I need for practice?

- A. You will need a swim suit, swim cap, goggles, water bottle, a towel and a positive attitude! You may bring additional equipment to practice, but it is not required.

Q. What do I need for a swim meet?

- A. You will need a swim suit, County Y swim cap, goggles, water bottle, extra towels and a smile!

Q. What is a dual meet?

- A. Dual meets are our league scheduled meets and should be attended by all swimmers on the team. There is no fee for these meets and they are against one other team. Coaches pick the events in which swimmers will compete.

Q. What is an invitational?

- A. These meets are optional, and usually have an entry fee per event entered. You and your child pick the events in which you want to compete.