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COUNTY YMCA SWIM TEAM FAQ SHEET

Q. Who is eligible to be on the Swim Team?

- A. Participants must be able to swim one length (25 yards) freestyle, one length backstroke, and one length breaststroke (in rudimentary form). All swimmers must have a YMCA of Greater Erie membership 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 is \$275 and \$245 for any additional siblings. High School swimmer's cost is \$150 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. Swimsuit, goggles, training equipment, team clothing, special events, invitationals, and championship meet costs.

Q. Where do we practice?

- A. PennWest Edinboro University's McComb Fieldhouse at 455 Scotland Road, Edinboro, PA 16412.

Q. When do we practice?

- A. Practice will begin on Monday, October 6, 2025. Practices are on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays from 5-6:45pm. The practice schedule is subject to change based on campus activities. Practice time and length may be adjusted throughout the season.

Q. How long is the season?

- A. The season will begin on Monday, October 7, 2024, and run through early April 2026 dependent on State and National Championships.

Q. When can we sign up?

- A. Registration will be open Friday, September 5, 2025. New swim team participants are required to try out for the swim team. Try outs will be held on Thursday, September 4 from 5:15-6:45pm at Edinboro University's McComb Fieldhouse. Registration is required for Try Outs and can be completed online, by phone or in person.

Q. What if I cannot make every practice?

- A. We encourage your swimmer to make as many practices as they can. The more practices you attend, the more you will gain from our program.

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 swimsuit, 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 swimsuit, 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.

Q. When do the meets take place?

- A. Dual meets and invitationals are mostly held on Saturdays. There may be one or two that fall on a Sunday.
The meet schedule will be available online and shared with parents once finalized.