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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 \$280 and \$250 for any additional siblings. High School swimmer's and Meadville Satellite Swim Team Members the 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 and when do we practice?

- A. Our regular practice schedule is **Monday–Thursday, 5–6:30 PM at PennWest Edinboro's McComb Fieldhouse**, beginning October 12.

Please note that the **first two weeks of the season have modified locations and times:**

Sept. 28–Oct. 1: MARC in Meadville, 6–7:30 PM – BRING A FRIEND WEEK!

Oct. 5–8: PennWest Edinboro McComb Fieldhouse, 7–8:30 PM

Beginning Oct. 12: PennWest Edinboro McComb Fieldhouse, 5–6:30 PM

Throughout the remainder of the season, PennWest Edinboro will be our primary practice location. There will be a limited number of dates when the PennWest pool is unavailable and practice will move to the MARC in Meadville. Families will be given advance notice of these schedule changes.

Q. How long is the season?

- A. The season will begin on Monday, September 28, 2026, and run through early April 2027 dependent on State and National Championships.

Q. When can we sign up?

- A. Registration will be open as of Monday, August 24, 2026. **New swim team participants are required to try out for the swim team.** Try outs will be held on Thursday, September 10 from 5:30-6:30pm at PennWest Edinboro'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.*