

Everything you wanted to know about Champ meet, but didn't know to ask

Okay, so your swimmer(s) has now been at a few meets, they have CCSL recordable times. While waiting to pick up your precious children from practice, when another parent says "Johnny Swimmer has 1 Champ time and 2 Reserve times" or "Jane Swimmer is really close to a Champ time in some stroke, I hope the coach puts her in that stroke at the meet". What foreign language are they speaking? Summer League

Well, in Summer League we have 5 meets in which your children can swim to get times, fast or slow doesn't matter, just that they have times. At the end of the Season, the entire League swims in a huge meet called Champ Series. There is a place for any swimmer on our team to compete as long as they have competed in at least 2 of the 5 season meets.

The **Champ Series** is one meet split into 3 parts: **Novice, Reserve & Champ**. Each of these meets are meant for different groups, but count towards the Final meet. What this means is that no one swimmer can compete in more than 3 individual events for the entire scope of the Series. Depending on your child's time for an event, (e.g. 50 Free), he/she may compete in that same event (50 Free) up to 3 times, but it will only count as 1 individual event. In other words, your child might be in 50 Free for Novice, 50 Back for Reserve & 50 Fly for Champ, but even if they can qualify for another Reserve time in 50 Breast, they can only swim Free, Back & Fly once these events are chosen.

This is a completely optional meet, nobody has to compete in it. (Junior & Senior Kids interested in the scholarship need to look up the specific requirements for that). The coaches will not pick what individual events you choose to compete in. However, I am sure they will be available for advice. If your child swims in the Champ Series, you **must volunteer** during the Champ Series, there are limited responsibilities, but we only have the families there to fulfill them.

Here are some Answers to FAQ & some Facts:

There are No 6 & Under events in Champ Series, any 6 & Under child wanting to compete will do it in the 8 & Under events.

The cost is usually around \$2-3 per event. This is paid by the swimmer who chooses to compete. If your child swims in Novice and makes a Reserve or a Champ time, then you will need to pay another \$2-3 for the child to swim the same event for the next meet (Reserve or Champ). There are no deck entries.

All 3 meets for the Champ Series will be held in Galena Park, with outdoor tent area & indoor pool. Novice & Reserve on Sunday 06/21/09 & Champ on Saturday 06/27/09.

Relays are only at Champ, & our team can send only 1 Free & 1 Medley Relay per age group and per gender. The coaches will pick the relays that best represent our team. Your child might be asked to swim on a relay without having a Champ or even a Reserve time.

If you are interested, your children's times are posted at the pool and the coaches have a copy of them. You will need to send an email to Nauticlerk@comcast.net with specifics as to what your child will swim in which meet. Sign up and Payment deadlines are specific to each meet, please check the next page for dates. You will need to pay **Laura Conley** (Champ Series Coordinator) or Karen Vaughn (Clerk of Course).

Descriptions of Each Meet outside of the Season

Novice Meet (6/21) is for those who are under 13 and DON'T make a Reserve/Champ time in a particular stroke/event.

If your child is under 13 years old as of 5/1/09, then your child can compete in the **Novice meet** (even with no time). Please note, your child can **ONLY** compete in the Novice meet in an event, **IF** they **DO NOT** have a **Reserve or Champ** time in this event. If for some reason your child, who does not have a Reserve or Champ time in 25 Free, but has it in 25 Back, 25 Breast & 25 Fly, chooses to compete in the 25 Free in the Novice, that same child will **ONLY** be able to compete in 2 of the 3 Reserve or Champ time events for Reserve or Champ.

Reserve Meet (6/21) is for those who are under 13 and make a Reserve time but not a Champ time in a particular stroke/event.

Reserve Meet (6/21) is also for those who are over 13 and have not made a Champ time in a particular stroke/event.

If your child is 13 years old or older as of 5/1/09, then your child can compete in the **Reserve meet** (even with no time), **IF & ONLY IF** they **DO NOT** have a **Champ** time in an event.

If your child is under 13 years old, then your child can compete **IF & ONLY IF** they have a **Reserve** time **BUT NOT** a **Champ** time in a specific event. Again, if your child chooses to compete in an event in the Reserve meet, they can still only compete in 3 individual events total no matter how many Champ times they actually have.

Deadline for **Novice/Reserve** Sign up is **Thursday (6/18/09)** and Payment is Saturday (6/20/09). Updates from Baytown Meet 6/20/09 will be made.

Champ Meet (6/27) is for those who make champ times within their age group in a particular stroke/event & Relays they are asked to swim on.

Relays are **ONLY** at the Champ meet, your child might be asked to be on a relay even if they have no Champ times.

Deadline for Champ Sign up **Monday (6/22/09)** and Payment is Wednesday (6/24/09). Updates from Last Chance will be made.

A complete separate meet is the Last Chance Meet.

Last Chance Meet (6/23/09) is open to any one for any stroke/event. Just as its name implies, it is one extra chance to make a time prior to Champ Meet, it cannot be used for 1 of the 2 mandatory meets, unless there are extenuating circumstances.

This is also a completely optional meet, with the cost of ~\$5 per event. The cost is picked by the swimmer choosing to enter. There are no relays.

All times will count for Champ Meet, & will be updated prior to Champ Meet Deadline.

Deadline for Last Chance Sign up is **Sunday (6/21/09)** and Payment is Tuesday (6/23/09), if you choose to deck enter (only meet you can do that) you will be responsible for getting there early with money and times for your swimmer(s).