



Maverick Swim Club
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UPCOMING DATES

Feb. 11-13, Fox Meet @ NVHS

Feb. 11-13, Delta Meet @ OEHS

Feb. 19-20, Feed the Fire Meet @ OEHS

Feb. 20, Chicagoland Gold Meet @ Stagg HS

Feb. 25-27, Regionals Meet @ Lincolnway HS

Maverick Families,

Wow! Where has the swim season gone? Here we are at the end of the Short Course season already. It has been a great year and I can't wait to see how all the kids finish at the championship meets.

My favorite Championship meet is less than 2 weeks away – **Feed the Fire**. This meet is a prelim/final meet and the excitement at finals on Saturday and Sunday night is so contagious that everybody gets into the spirit of the meet. In order to make this a successful meet we will need all the help we can get. If your child is swimming in this meet you will be required to work each session they are swimming in - including finals. Even if your child is not swimming in the meet and you want to help, please sign up. Lastly, if you have high school kids that want to help they will get Community Service hours for the time they volunteer.

We also have our **Gold Conference, Regional, Senior State, Age Group State (JO's) and Junior Nationals** coming up. Parents, if your child is in one of these meets, please plan on working at these sessions. Even though we are not hosting, Maverick Swim Club may be asked to supply volunteers. In past years, these jobs have been as timers and it has worked great working in short shifts rotating between the families attending. I want to wish all the swimmers good luck and to remind them to train hard these last few weeks and make the season's work pay off.

By the time this newsletter hits your Inbox we should also have our **Long Course registration** materials posted on the website. We once again have the same group make up as last year including staggered start dates. The registration materials will contain all the important dates including online sign-up and session start dates. We will publish a practice schedule once registration is nearly complete, as we need to know numbers before we can complete these schedules.

Finally, look for some minor additions to the Maverick website. Jay Hines and I are going to try and add an alumni section where we will post updates on former Mavericks swimming in college. Maverick Swim Club has produced many Division I, II and III swimmers and we want to follow them as they continue their swimming careers. If you have a former Maverick swimmer continuing to swim in college, please contact me (if I don't contact you first) and give me an update on how they are doing. I know currently at the Division I level we have former Mavericks swimming at Princeton, the University of Illinois, Purdue University and Northwestern University to name a few. Please help us as we try and catch up with these swimmers.

That's all for now. Again, good luck to all the swimmers and **GO MAVERICKS!**

Bruce Gidlow, Maverick Swim Club President

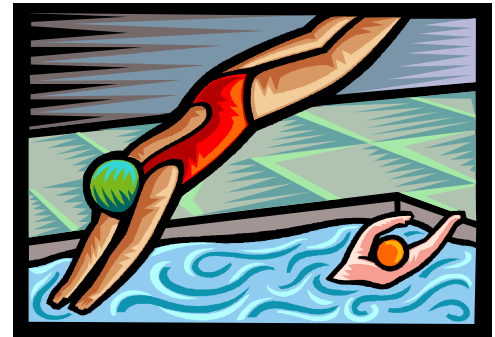


Coaches' Corner

As we approach the end of the 2010-2011 winter swim season it is time to begin planning for the championship meet season. This article will provide you with some general information regarding all of the championship meets that the Maverick Swim Club will attend. Meet packets for most of the championship meets are posted on the "Meet Schedule" page of our website. It is likely that we will have to provide workers for some of the championship meet sessions. If you have a swimmer competing, you should expect to work a session of the meet.

Saturday and Sunday, February 19-20 - Feed the Fire Meet

Maverick Swim Club will be co-hosting this meet with Delta Aquatics at Oswego East High School. This meet is open to all swimmers 14 years of age or younger who have not yet achieved a Regional time standard in a particular event. Any swimmer qualifying for 4 or more regional events will not be entered into this meet. The Feed the Fire Meet is a preliminary meet for 10 & under, 11-12 and 13-14 swimmers. 8 and under events will be timed final, meaning that they will swim each entered event only once. Preliminary heats for swimmers aged 11-14 will be held in the morning sessions, and 10 and under swimmers will swim in the afternoon sessions. The top 8 swimmers in the 9-10 events and the top 16 swimmers in 11-12 and 13-14 events will return and swim in the finals sessions both evenings. All eligible swimmers will be entered in this meet, unless they will be swimming in the A Conference meet described below. Mighty Mavs are eligible to be entered in the 8 and under events if they wish to participate. This meet is the last opportunity to qualify for the Illinois Regional Championship Meet. For those swimmers who have not achieved the qualifying times required to compete in the remaining championship meets described below, the Feed the Fire Meet will be the end of their season.



Sunday, February 20th – Chicagoland Swim Conference Gold Meet

The gold conference meet will be hosted by the Hickory Willow Swim Association (HWSA) at A.A. Stagg High School. Doors will open at 7:30 a.m. Warm-ups will begin at 7:45 a.m. with the meet starting at 9:00 a.m. There are no qualifying times for this meet. Each club is allowed to enter three individuals per event, as well as a Medley Relay and a Free Relay for each age group. Each swimmer is allowed to swim a maximum of three individual events and two relays. The lineup for each age group will be based on the season's best times. Meet entries are due on Tuesday, February 15th, so meet entries will be posted on the website shortly thereafter. We estimate that approximately 6 – 9 swimmers, per sex, per age group will attend this meet. Senior Boys' events will be swum as exhibition. If your child is unable to attend this meet, please notify your practice group coach as soon as possible.

Coach's Corner (cont'd)

Friday-Sunday, February 25-27 - Illinois Swimming Regional Championship Meet

This year, we have been assigned to the Regional Meet being hosted by Lincoln-Way Swim Association (LWSA) at Lincoln-Way East High School. This meet is the last opportunity to qualify for Senior State and Age Group Championships. If your child has regional times and has not yet reached the Senior or Age Group time standards, they will be entered into this meet. If your child has qualified, but is unable to attend this meet, please notify your practice group coach as soon as possible. The regional time standards are set by Illinois Swimming and can be found on the time standards page our website. Any regional times achieved at the Gold Conference Meet or the Feed the Fire Meet will qualify for this meet. A current list of regional qualifiers can be found on the Maverick website.

Thursday-Sunday, March 3-6 - Senior State Championship Meet

The Senior State meet will be hosted by Lake Forest Swim Club at the UIC Natatorium in Chicago. We have chosen the Senior State Meet to serve as our team effort senior meet as we will not be attending Speedo Sectionals this spring. This meet will provide us with better competition and will allow more of our swimmers to participate. Every qualified senior swimmer will be entered. Any age group swimmer that has met the qualifying time standard may be entered as well. Coach Mark will communicate with the age group swimmers that qualify. The Senior Champs time standards are set by Illinois Swimming and can be found on the time standards page on our website.

Friday-Sunday, March 11-13 - Age Group Championship Meet

The Age Group Championship meet (J.O.'s) will be held this year at UIC Natatorium in Chicago. All age group swimmers that achieve qualifying standards will be entered. The coaches may also utilize some swimmers who have not achieved qualifying times to swim on relays. Coach Missy, Mike H., Mike A., or Doug will be talking to those individuals prior to or during the Regional meet. You can locate the qualifying times for the Age Group Championship meet on the time standards page our website.

Tuesday-Saturday, March 15-19 – NSCA Junior Nationals

The Junior National meet will be held in Orlando, Florida. Coach Mark will contact qualified individual and relay swimmers. Tentative meet information can be found at ncsassociation.homestead.com/juniornationalsmain.html

Good luck to everyone as you make your final push at the end of the season to qualify and swim in these championship meets. Keep practicing hard and remember to work on fine tuning the little things that will enable you to swim fast. Be confident when you get behind the blocks and good things will happen!

Coach Mark

Officials' Notes

Championship Time!

The year has absolutely just flown by. It seems like just a few short weeks ago that we were all gathered at Metea Valley for our season opening time trial. Through the past 4 months, our swimmers have been through countless laps in the pool, a couple of practice suits, a pair of goggles or two, and hopefully, a bunch of time drops. We are now about to enter the championship season of our current swim year. Our final meets bring a lot of new experiences to our swimmers like time standards for events at meets like Regionals, Junior Olympics, and Senior Championships. They are also introduced to the concept of prelims and finals at these meets.

While these meet formats may seem different to our swimmers and they may be intimidated by the concept of championship meet competition, we as parents need to remind our swimmers is that it really is no different than any other meet. The races still start with the starter saying "Take your mark", followed by the beep. The pool is still 25 yards long, and the flags are still at 5 yards from the end wall.

Swimmers and parents alike may also notice that there are more officials at championship meets. The higher the level of meet, from our local Regional to the National deck, the greater number of officials observing the swims. While this may intimidate your swimmer, they need not worry. The official is not there to DQ your swimmer (and takes no joy in doing so). At championship meets, the greater number of officials ensures that the quality of officiating is fair and unbiased. As we have discussed in previous articles, the usual protocol for the official observing an infraction is for that official to raise their hand. Then they speak (usually by radio) to the referee who can either accept or reject the disqualification based on the information reported by the official. At championship meets, because we have the luxury of enough officials, we employ the chief judge position. The idea of the chief judge position is to question the official observing an infraction to ensure that the call made is the correct one and make a recommendation to the referee as whether to accept the call or not. At every step of the process, the call may be overturned or rejected. In fact, the purpose of the chief judge and the referee are really to come to the defense of the swimmer and even try to reject the call in support of the swimmer. On the national deck, we employ one more step in between the chief judge and the referee, the replay referee. This referee monitors the cameras focused on the start and finish of every race. No one can forget the finish of the 100M fly between Milorad Cavic and Michael Phelps in the 2008 Olympics where Michael out touched Milorad by .01 of a second. It is those very cameras, and others in the pool, that the replay referee uses to help in trying to overturn calls in favor of the swimmer.



Besides watching great swimming, the reason that I enjoy officiating at these large meets, both at the state and national level is watching Maverick and fellow Illinois swimmers compete at an elite level. I would like to think it is nice for them to have a familiar face on deck to make them more comfortable. While there are sure to be butterflies and some anxiety two things are certain: one your swimmer won't even think about any of this once they step up on the block and two, the water is still wet.

Best of luck to all of our Maverick swimmers in whatever their season championship may be.

Dave Johnson – Maverick Official

Trade Your Goggles For Skates Party



Way to go Mavericks! Over 150 skaters donated **165 Cereal boxes for Hesed House!** Four (4) girls from Genesis also earned community service hours. Thank you to ALL the volunteers! The raffle was a HUGE success!!



All Swimmers Qualifying for Regionals....



Monday, February 21st

T-Shirt Painting and buffet lunch at Connie's Pizza

Cost is \$15 and covers the cost of your t-shirt and lunch.

Sign up on SuperMeets and then we will determine the exact time based on age groups.

Hope to see you there...Good luck at Regionals!

Happy Birthday Maverick Swimmers!

February 2011

Riley Bolduc	Benjamin Bougadis	Andrea Brew
Erika Brew	Lexie Budnik	James Calvo
Maxwell Chamberlain	Krista Drapalik	Janssen Gamilla
Alexander Gidlow	Natalie Hitchcock	Alex Hogenboom
Michael Joza	Caroline Kellogg	Peter Krzywosz
Ryan Laughlin	Patrick Lewellyan	Tayler McCann
William Mendrys	Brianna Noe	Shaili Patel
Kevin Rardin	Luke Ryan	Riley Schroedter
Anna Scovill	Luke Sonetz	Taylor Stoner
Emma Susin	Megan Weist	Joseph Widuch
Megan Yao		



The Mission of The Maverick Swim Club is to provide the finest possible comprehensive aquatics program.

Our philosophy of "children first, swimmers second" creates an atmosphere where children learn valuable life lessons from their experiences in a competitive swimming environment.

We are committed to a structured yet fun-oriented program, which provides an opportunity for swimmers to develop to their fullest potential.

