

Zone info/Questions and answers (Back and front of this form)

What is the Zone meet?

The Zone meet is an elite meet that requires triple A (AAA) times to qualify for. The qualifying athlete then represents Team Wisconsin at the meet. This year the meet is in Topeka KS (Capitol Federal Natatorium at Hummer Sports Park, 530 Sports Center Drive Topeka KS 66606) August 9-12.

When does the time standard have to be achieved?

The time standard can be achieved any time from the last Zone meet (Aug 06) to the end of our Summer State championships. If the time is not in the USA swimming database, proof of time would have to be furnished by the parent or coach.

How to they get to the competition? THIS INFORMATION HAS CHANGED AS OF 6/27

As in the past 5 years the athletes and their parents will be responsible for getting to the meet on their own. We have a block of rooms at the AmeriSuites 6021 SW 6th Ave Topeka KS 66615 (785)-273-0066 I have reserved 70 rooms (35 D/D and 35 singles) for Team Wisconsin Parents. You (or your coach) just has to identify themselves as being from Team Wisconsin these rooms will be first come/first served and held until 7/15/07.

What costs are associated with the trip?

The cost of the registration for Team Wisconsin is \$130 (Total cost \$230 with \$100 received from the LSC). This includes Team Wisconsin Uniform, Team pictures as well as Coaching.

How do the swimmers get their team uniforms?

Team uniform must be ordered through **Walters Swim Supplies** either online at: www.walterswim.com or in person at either of their two stores 14155 W Capitol Dr. Brookfield WI 53005 or 1639 Monroe St. Madison WI 53711 (Clothing questions to: Steve at 262-790-9199). Once a uniform is ordered through Walters swim you must send the meet registration form, medical forms and honor code form (signed by a parent AND the swimmer) with the check (made out to: Wisconsin Swimming inc) for the proper amount (suit and personalization extra if you want them) to **Dave Clark-athletics P.O. Box 413 Milwaukee WI 53201**. Once the check is received the order will be finalized and processed.

When does my child have to report to the Zone meet?

The Zone program lists the earliest warm-up time to be **Noon on Thursday August 8th**. If your child is not in the open water portion of the meet, plan to be at the pool no later than Noon on Thursday 8/9/07. If we have a much different warm-up time assigned I will put information on the Wisconsin Swimming web-page.

Where does the Open Water swim fit in?

The open water swim would be Thursday August 9th at Lake Shawnee (Croco Rd between 29th and 45th Streets). If an athlete has an individual event cut and is attending the meet they may pay the extra entry fee and we will transport them to the site. If an athlete doesn't have an individual meet cut (competing open water only) and meets the entry standard (minimum of an A cut in the longest freestyle event offered in the pool for that age group), they may travel on their own to compete at the meet. If these athletes (open water only) wish to purchase a team Wisconsin uniform, they may for \$100. The open water only athletes would still have to fill out a medical form and a code of conduct.

How do times and entries get updated?

If the swimmer gets better or more times it is up to the parents, swimmer or coach to update the entry form either by e-mail to Dave Clark at h2o@uwm.edu or in person at the Zone Table the Saturday and Sunday of both the 13 and over and the 12 and under State meet. The times and entries will NOT be automatically updated to reflect new event and most recent times.

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Does the LSC travel fund cover part of the costs?

This year the total budgeted cost per person is \$230. The LSC deducts \$100 from the cost of the trip and that is the figure you pay. If the athlete goes on this trip they won't receive a reimbursement for attending the USA Sectional meet in MN as only one of the trips is reimbursable. Next year (2008) there will be a completely different system in place for Funding Zones.

Who are the coaches for the meet?

Zone Manager is Dave Clark (SHOR)

Head coach/Head Sr. coach is Wagner DaSilva (BAC)

Head 12 and Under coach is John Bradley (WEST)

Open Water Coach Walberto Colon (SCSC)

Other coaches are

Shane Ryan (MWY)

Paula Caucutt (ECY)

Paul Hollub (Wave)

Colleen Szerlong (STAR)

What changes can we expect from the Mega-Zone meet next (2008) year in Indianapolis?

The Mega-Zone means that all LSC's will be competing at the same location. This will make for, a very competitive meet.

There will be a number of changes in the meet format:

The open water will be Wednesday Morning, followed by team warm-up and pictures.

The Long (400) relays for 12 and up will occur Wednesday night and from there a 4 day meet format will follow. That means a 5 day meet format for swimmers.

They will use chase starts, this means they will start races from BOTH ends of the pool) before the last race is completed in most cases). It is different from almost all meets that you may run into during the year.