

2009 Metropolitan Zone Team Qualifier Rules (page 1) and Timing Assignment (page 2)

ELIGIBILITY:

Only Swimmers who WILL attend Zones if they make the team can compete at the Zones Qualifier Meet. All swimmers must swim in the age group they will be as of the first day of Zones (April 2, 2009) as long as they meet the qualifying times for that age group.

All swimmers must be registered for 2009 with USS and Metropolitan Swimming (as of entry deadline). A swimmer may enter any number of individual events for which he/she has met the qualifying time, but may not compete in more than three (3) individual events per any one-day. A swimmer who is not scratched and competes in more than 3 events in a day will automatically be DQ'd from any event(s) beyond the first 3 events that the swimmer competes in (scratches behind the blocks count as an entry). 10&under swimmers may swim up to 5 events per day.

Qualifying Period: March 1, 2008 through entry deadline for Zone Team Qualifier meet.

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT EASTERN ZONE TEAM ELIGIBILITY

As per the Eastern Zone rule, **13 and Over Swimmers** may not compete at Zones if they have a Qualifying Time **in any event, equal to or faster than the times posted in the chart below (on page 3 of the meet information)**

- 1) These times are based on the slowest of the 2008/2009 Time Standards for the 2008 Short Course Nationals, 2008 Short Course Junior Nationals, 2009 Speedo Junior National Championships, and the 2009 US Open Championships.
- 2) Athletes who have competed in an Individual Event at the USA Swimming National Championships, the USA Swimming Spring Championships, U.S. Open, the USA Swimming Junior Championships or a USA Swimming Trials Class meet are not eligible to enter and compete at an EZ AG Championship meet.
- 3) Athletes 13 years of age and over who have achieved a qualifying time in an individual event for any of the above meets prior to the entry deadline for the EZ meet, may not enter and compete in an EZ AG Championship meet.
- 4) Athletes 12 years of age or younger who have achieved a qualifying time in an individual event for any of the above meets, but have not competed in that event at the stated meet, may enter and compete in that event in an EZ AG Championship meet.

Metropolitan Swimming will impose a \$50.00 fine on any swimmer failing to equal or better the cut-off time if the entry time cannot be proven within 30 days following the conclusion of the meet.

This includes **DQ's, No Shows, and scratches** made after the meet is seeded.

Scratches:

1. This meet will be deck seeded. Scratches will be due thirty (30) minutes before each published session start time.
2. **Metropolitan Scratch Procedures will be followed. Please consult your GUIDELINES.**
3. **There will be a \$50.00 per event fine for any swimmer that does not scratch the last day's final and fails to show.**
4. Coaches must make sure that their swimmers understand that once they are scratched, they will not be re-entered in the meet.
Coaches should inform their swimmers to leave plenty of time for traffic, especially in bad weather!
5. The coach of a swimmer that was seeded in an event, and is a **No-Show (NS)** in the event, must positively check the swimmer for the next days' events in order for that swimmer to be eligible to compete in the rest of the meet.
6. Athletes who miss a race in which they were seeded and did not properly deck scratched **will be barred from their next individual event of the day.** If they miss their last event of the day they will be barred from their first event of the next day.

**** Zone Chaperons are required from all teams with 4 or more swimmers 11-over qualifying for Zones.**

Chaperon applications will be available at The ZQ Meet and are posted on the Metro Website.

**** Parents of 10-under qualifiers may fill out a form at the meet to reserve a room. Swimmers 10-under do not travel, sleep or eat with the team.**

**** Zone team members must sign up for Zones at the Zone Qualifier meet- No exceptions – Money (\$340 for 11-over and \$165 for 10-under) and equipment orders are due at that time. Hobie Swim will be on hand to collect the equipment orders.**

TIMING & MEET MARSHALS' ASSIGNMENT

ADULT TIMERS and MEET MARSHALS will be expected from each club. **Assignment is based on a percentage of entries and swimmers at each session.** A team assigned a lane must provide timers on that lane for the entire session!

Meet Marshals MUST report to the meet desk at least 5 minutes before the start of warm-up and must stay on deck for the duration of the session.

Timers (and Head Timer) are asked to be on deck 20 minutes before the scheduled start of the session.

PLEASE COOPERATE. Any timer that has not reported, from a club assigned to time, will result in the disqualification of that club's swimmers until that timer reports. **Volunteer timers are welcome!**

Timing assignment for finals has been based on the psych sheets. We will need volunteers to fill up spots at finals.

Timers:

Teams that are not assigned a lane to time must be "on call" if needed.

This applies especially to the finals' session of each day

Lane	Fri. AM	Fri.10-U	Fri. PM	Sat. AM	Sat.10-U	Sat. PM	Sun. AM	Sun.10-U	Sun. PM
1	ABBE SMC	AG BLUE	NYCC COND	HAA ABBE	AG WISC	COND NDAC	COND WISC	ABBE EHY	COND NYSA
2	LIAC LIAC	LIAC HYB	LIAC LIAC	LIAC LIAC	LIAC IA	LIAC LIAC	LIAC LIAC	LIAC MSC	LIAC LIAC
3	COND NYSA	BAD YMID	BAD BAD	NYSA COND	BAD BAD	BAD BAD	NYSA NYSA	BAD BAD	BAD BAD
4	BGNW BGNW	BGNW PSST	BGNW BGNW	BGNW BGNW	BGNW PSST	BGNW BGNW	HYB WSSC	BGNW LGAC	BGNW BGNW
5	TVSC LIE	TRS MSC	TVSC MSC	TVSC NS	TVSC TRS	TVSC TVSC	TVSC SS	TVSC TRS	TVSC TVSC
6	TS LBA	OWA LGAC	TS WISC	TS BLUE	TS CSC	TS TS	TS LBA	TS NS	TS TS
7	FLY SS	NS CSC	LIE NYSA	MSC IA	NS RIPT	IA RED	NDAC OWA	HYB NYCC	LBA MSC
8	AGUA HS	AGUA YFD	AGUA NFS	LIE LGAC	AGUA YFD	AGUA FLY	AGUA LIE	AGUA OWA	AGUA NDAC
HEAD TIMER	HAA	BAD	TVSC	BAD	NYCC	LIAC	BGNW	NYSA	FLY
MEET MARSHALS	MWSC BAD	GAEL RIPT	BLUE NDAC	CSC OWA	LIE HAA	VAC SSC	NBS WISC	YMID LIE	EHY BLUE