Wexford Whales Parent Meeting 6/4/2025

Coordinators

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Coaches

Reggie Shearer
-Head Coach of Wexford Whales since 2014
-Swam at West Chester University
-3rd grade teacher in Gloucester Township with 2 children

Madeline Dold
-Just completed first year and swims at Dickinson College
-Available for private lessons

Communication

Coach Reggie uses the Remind app to communicate with parents regarding weather and meets.

Download app, send a text to **81010** with message **@wexford1**

Commit to Meets

All swimmers need to "commit" or notify their attendance to Time Trials and all meets. Once this window is open, please go to the website to submit your response for each swimmer for each meet. The directions are as follows.

1. Log into the website and go to "Team Events."
2. Select the meet and go to "Edit Commitment"
3. Select your child's name.
4. In the next window, make a choice under *Declaration, then hit "Save Changes."

For "B" meets **only**, please include 2 individual events that your child wants to swim. Note this cannot be an event that they have qualified in Tri-County.

Merchandising

Team Suits: 2 year suits, not required. Unpersonalized caps are available for purchase ($16)
Team T shirts: Please complete form for each swimmer.

Volunteer Positions

Ann Harrington is our volunteer coordinator. We have an amazing team and are lucky to have many families who volunteer their time to ensure the success of our team. Volunteer signups will be emailed as well as accessible on the team website under each meet. Some positions are only for home meets. The following is a description of each position.

Stagers (Both): Stagers are responsible for organizing swimmers in the area behind the starting blocks keeping them in the right lane for the right event and right order for relays. They ensure that at least 3 heats are prepared prior to each race.

Timers (Both): Timers are responsible for taking swimmer's times. There are 3 per lane in A meets and 2 in B meets. Please circle the middle times for A meets. You will be supplied with a stopwatch.

Runners (Home): Runners are responsible for picking up the recorded times from the 6 timers and 2 place judges and delivering them to the scoring table.

Ribbons (Both): Ribbon volunteers take the printed labels/results from the printer and affix them to the appropriate ribbon. Each ribbon is then placed in the folder/box in alphabetical order.

Set Up and Take Down: This group is responsible for setting up the big tent where our swimmers sit in home meet. On away meets, we bring a portable tent that requires set up and take down as well.

Fundraising

Apparel Sale - closes Sunday, June 8ty. Delivery will be at Pasta Dinner Kick Off

Café Wex - Carolyn Weinstein runs Café Wex which sells food and beverages during all home meets. Dan Barone and Steve Partesi are our grill masters making breakfast sandwiches and burgers to add meals to the menu. All items are donated by our swim families. Like volunteers, the signup will be emailed as well listed on the website under each meet.

Team Picture – Steph Johnson is our photographer for team and individual pictures. This will be on June 27th at 6PM. Order forms will be emailed prior for ordering. Please wear your team T-shirt for the team picture that will follow at 6:30PM.

Wex Flex Booster - Boosters are direct donations to the swim team. Boosters are $100 and will include a unique gift of thanks. These boosters help enhance many aspects of the swim team. For example, last year's boosters allowed personalization of team gifts.

Team Dinner and Pep Rally Fridays

Team dinners and pep rallies are each Friday prior to "A" meets. Team dinners will start at 6PM, followed by the Pep Rally at 6:30. Each age group will host these dinners which are for swimmers only. The exception is our Pasta Kick Off Dinner on June 20th which will be for everyone. Team dinner on June 27th will be later to allow for pictures.

Championship Meets

Bob Rueppel Mini Meet
Sunday, July 6th
Old Orchard Swim Club
9 Evans Lane, Cherry Hill

This Mini meet is targeted to all 9 and under swimmers of all abilities to encourage and experience competitive swimming with children of the same age group. Events range from kick-board races to 100m IM. There is a fee to participate.

Cherry Bowl
Saturday, July 26th @
Willowdale Swim Club
1803 Ticonderoga Lane, Cherry Hill

Cherry Bowl is the annual championship meet for all 12 swim clubs of Cherry Hill. Roughly 800 swimmers participate each year with each club dressed in team themed costumes and entering the pool deck to music. Despite the limited number of swimmers participating, all swimmers are encouraged to attend. Cherry Bowl is free to swimmers. There is an entrance fee for adults. This event typically lasts all day until 4PM. Please keep this in mind for young siblings.

Tri-County Championship
Saturday-Sunday, August 2-3rd
Ponoma Swim Club
806 Pomona Road, Riveton, NJ

Tri-County Championship is the season end championship swim meet for swimmers with qualifying times in individual events as well as our top relays in each age group. The Tri-County League consists of 33 swim clubs in Camden, Burlington, and Gloucester County with over 3000 swimmers participating. This meet spans 2 days. The first day is preliminary with the fastest 12 individual and relay times advancing to the finals on Sunday, August 3rd.

Our Tri-county swimmers are celebrated with breakfast the Friday before, as well as a bag of snacks and T shirt for the weekend. To ensure your child receives their T shirts in time, please make sure you commit to this event by July 20nd.