



Southbriar Swim Team

Meet Questions & Answers

Who do we swim against? And, Where are the meets?

We are 1 of 3 teams in the Westside Swim League:
South Briar Barracudas – 1708 Crystal Hills
Village Place Piranhas – 11315 Lakeside Place
Ashford Whales - 12550 Westella (South Pool)

Where do I park?

Parking in the neighborhood swimming pool lots is restricted to meet officials with parking passes during the meets. These lots are small and space is reserved for officials that conduct the meets and volunteers that must bring in equipment. Please park respectfully in the neighborhood. Do not block driveways or fire hydrants, do not park on both sides of the street and observe no parking signs as violators will be towed. It is recommended to carpool if possible to these meets.

How long do dual meets last?

- Dual meet warm ups start at 1:30 and run until approximately 8:00 PM.
- Swimmers are required to remain at the pool until all their events are completed.
- The 6 & under swimmers compete in freestyle, backstroke and freestyle relay only.
- The 6 & under swimmers may leave after the Free Style Relay if they are not “swimming up.”
- All swimmers must check in/out with a Mother Hen upon arrival/departure.

How do I RSVP, or what if I get sick?

It is important that the coaches know well in advance of a meet if a swimmer will not be present. If/when your child(ren) cannot attend a meet, please let us know as soon as possible. Your Coaches need to know to exclude your swimmer(s) from each meet's heating process. We will assume that your child(ren) can swim in all meets, unless you tell us otherwise. Please remember when your swimmer is absent there is a ripple effect because most swimmers will be part of a relay. That relay depends on all 4 swimmers! We appreciate your effort to get swimmers to the meet whenever possible!

Where are the meet results?

The meet results will be posted as the meet progresses on the swim team shed between the pool and the clubhouse. Additionally, meet results will be posted in real time via the Meet Mobile App. Once the meet is completed, and scores are finalized, a PDF of the results will be posted on the team website.

Points are accumulated for placing first, second, and third in any given event during a League meet. Ribbons will be awarded to the top six swimmers or relay teams in each event. All 6 & under swimmers who do not place in an event will be given participation ribbons. Ribbons are handed out the day after a meet.

A record of each swimmer's times is kept throughout the season. A league-wide championship trophy is awarded to the high-point boy and girl in each age group. Similarly, our team awards high-point boy and girl trophies when season records are calculated.

What events will my child swim?

Swimmers compete according to age group and sex and will get their events written on their arm before the meet starts. Swimmers are judged on proper stroke technique and best time. The 6 & under swimmers compete in freestyle, backstroke, and freestyle relay. All other swimmers may compete in a maximum of 3 individual strokes and 2 relay events per meet (one freestyle and one medley). Placement of swimmers in each event is the responsibility of the coaches based on the ability of the swimmer and the needs of the team.

What if my swimmer gets Disqualified (DQ)?

When a swimmer does not properly swim a stroke during a meet event, the swimmer will be disqualified from that event. The swimmer will be advised by a coach either during the meet or the next morning at practice. Our intention is for the coaches to work with each swimmer and to use each disqualification as a teaching tool for the future.

How do I volunteer?

We are a 100% volunteer organization and participation from every family is critical to ensuring we are able to host our meets. We quite simply cannot get it done without you. There are lots of opportunities and ways to get involved, check the website for sign up instructions.

What do I bring?

Label everything!

- Team suits and caps are preferred at meets and well fitting, non-leaky goggles are highly recommended. Extra goggles are wise in case they go missing before an event!
- Do not forget to bring a towel, chair, t-shirt to cover up with, and sunscreen. Please avoid sunscreen on the swimmer's upper left arm because we write there with a Sharpie.
- Many swimmers bring a small cooler to hold their water and snacks – fruit, raisins, crackers, popcorn, fruit roll-ups, bagels or granola bars.
- Each home team provides a concession stand where refreshments are available.
- It is a good idea to wait on the heavy meal until after swimmers have completed all of their events.
- Swimmers may bring cards, books, games or other quiet activities to help pass the time between events. The team will not be responsible for missing items, so bring electronics at your own risk.
- It will be very hot and sunny. The team provides tents for swimmers to sit under.
- There will be a lost and found box located in the lifeguard office at the Southbriar pool.