



2016 Short Course Zone Team
Important Procedures, and General Information for Athletes
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Eligibility and Selection Criteria for Consideration of the 2016 Short Course Zone Team

To be eligible for Short Course Zone Team consideration, an athlete must meet all criteria listed below by the first day of Age Group Championships:

1. CT athlete member of USA Swimming in good-standing.
2. Participation in at least four (4) CSI regularly scheduled sanctioned meets: For the Short Course season, swimmers must have swum in 4 CSI regularly scheduled sanctioned meets (may include CSI Senior, Age Group, and Regional Championship meets) by the first day of Age Group Championships.
3. Pre-register by the pre-registration deadline 9 PM, Wednesday, March 2, 2016.
4. 12/U swimmers may not have participated in a USA Swimming national-level swim meet (Junior Nationals or higher). 13/18 swimmers may not have faster than any Junior National qualification times in any event, as set forth in the Eastern Zone Age Group Championship Meet Announcement.
5. Adapted athletes are encouraged to apply. Contact Mark Kinne mk12213d@yahoo.com for information.

Selection Criteria

1. From the pre-registered list of eligible athletes, 12/U top 3 times and 13/14 top 2 times per event achieved from September 1, 2015 through the conclusion of the 2016 SC CT Age Group Championships will be selected. From the pre-registered list of eligible athletes, 15/18 top 2 times per event achieved from September 1, 2015 through the conclusion of the 2016 CT Senior Championships will be selected.
2. Swimmers must have a USA Swimming "AA" time.
3. Adapted athletes should contact Mark Kinne mk12213d@yahoo.com for qualifying time criteria.
4. Only times from USA Swimming sanctioned meets are eligible.
5. Times from approved meets, observed meets, splits, relay splits or time trials are NOT eligible.

Registration Procedure
3-STEP PROCESS

1. Athletes wishing to be considered for the SCY Zone Team **MUST PRE-REGISTER** at ctswim.org before the deadline of Wednesday, March 2nd at 9 PM.
2. The pre-registered swimmer must check the ctswim.org zone page for an updated event eligibility report showing the top eligible swimmers for each event. During certain hours at Age Group Championships there will be a ZONE TABLE displaying the most current report the morning after each evening finals session. Swimmers who definitively qualify by having one of the top 3 (for 12/U) or top 2 (for 13/18) times may then proceed to Step 3.
3. All qualifying swimmers **MUST PAY** the NON-REFUNDABLE FEE IN FULL on-line through <http://shop.ctswim.org/> before Sunday evening, March 13, at 11:00 PM. Swimmers qualifying for the team as part of the roll down procedure will have an extended deadline for payment and will be notified of their eligibility by end of day Tuesday, March 15.

There will be a ZONE TABLE at Age Group Championships ON SUNDAY MARCH 13 from 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM where fully paid swimmers may pick up their newly designed team apparel and backpack. Swimmers and parents are encouraged to contact the Zone Coordinators (Joan Lynch, Lisa Tyler or Tim Hunt) at zones@ctswim.org with any questions.

ADDITIONAL PRE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. There is no deposit required, but Pre-Registration IS REQUIRED.
2. **Coaches and Contacts of CSI clubs will be sent notification of this pre-registration window, via email from the CSI office, instructing clubs that the responsibility of communication of this pre-registration policy is that of the Coach/Club Contact and not the responsibility of CSI. A receipt to CSI from each club, via online submittal, acknowledging ownership of this responsibility is required.**
3. During this pre-registration window, interested athletes will submit pre-registration including preference of events to swim at the Zone meet. This preference list can and should be updated up until the close of the pre-registration window.
4. During the pre-registration period a list of applicants will be posted weekly on ctswim.org. This roster will include a list or number of CSI meets attended.
5. A Top 25 list of times and names for each age group zone event will be posted on ctswim.org so interested parties may view the playing field and allow the Zone Head Coach and staff to stay familiarized with potential team members up to team selection day.

Selection Procedure for the SCY Zone Team

1. **Only athletes that have pre-registered before the deadline, and submitted FULL PAYMENT for the Zone Team before the deadline, will be considered for selection. No exceptions.**
2. The Head Coach and his staff will select the team roster and prepare an entry draft on the Monday following the SCY Age Group Championships. The entry will be prepared based upon the athletes' events selected in their Zone registration.
3. This roster and team entry draft will be published and made available Monday evening via ctswim.org.
4. Starting Tuesday following Age Group Championships will be a "challenge period" allowing opportunity for non selected athletes, or selected athletes not selected for specific events, redress to possible errors made during the selection process.
5. At the completion of Tuesday's "challenge period" (5 PM EST) a finalized roster of selected athletes and their events will be published announcing the final team members and events.
6. Zone Coordinators will continue and finalize the recruitment of chaperones and complete all logistical planning of the Zone trip.
7. The Head Coach and his staff will at this time prepare and submit the team entry and prepare and plan any Zone team meetings and training sessions.

Contacts

Zone Coordinators: Joan Lynch, Lisa Tyler and Tim Hunt zones@ctswim.org

In the event your swimmer is selected for the CT Zone team, the following information applies:

Team Swimmers Travel

1. All selected athletes **must travel with CT Zone Team on Bus** from any of the 2 or 3 bus pick-up locations a day before the competition begins (Wednesday March 23). Pickup time is typically 7-8 AM. Location and exact time will be announced later on webpage or during mandatory parents meeting.
2. Athletes must stay in team Hotel **for entire zone competition**. There will be chaperones (maximum ratio will be 1:10). Athletes will travel from hotel to venue using team bus.
3. Athletes must stay with the team through the end of Finals on Saturday evening. If necessary, athletes may be picked up by parents at team hotel **AFTER SATURDAY FINALS** (around 9:00 PM). Otherwise athletes will come back to CT on the team bus to the same pickup location on Sunday around 3 PM.

4. Please DO NOT ASK for exception to team travel policy. ***If swimmer is not available for entire zone travel, swimmer should not sign up for the team.***
5. Parents of swimmers are asked NOT TO STAY at team hotel.
6. Parents of swimmers are asked to volunteer as chaperones. If we cannot obtain required number of chaperones, those age group swimmers WILL NOT travel as team. Chaperone application forms and duties are posted on the Zone Team page.

Cost

1. Zone team cost is \$640 (includes transportation, hotel, meals, and equipment).
2. A Zone backpack is mandatory, and if athlete does not have one, he/she must purchase one for an additional \$55.
3. Individual event fees are included in the total Zone Team cost.

Zone Equipment:

1. Equipment includes 2 T-shirts, hoodie sweatshirt, shorts, and 2 latex team caps.
2. Additional equipment will be available for purchase.
3. Silicone cap may be purchased for an additional \$15 and will be available for purchase at the mandatory parent meetings.
4. Zone Team warm-up clothing (a.k.a. Zone jacket, pants, parka) will be available for purchase from Metro Swim Shop ONLINE. This clothing is OPTIONAL. Link and instructions will be emailed to Zone Team members.

Practice/Parents Meeting

Zone practice and parents meeting location and time will be announced shortly on the CT Swim website.

Athletes and a parent must attend at least one of two practices for a mandatory meeting, practice, and remaining equipment dispersal.