



**Connecticut Swimming
2017 Short Course Zone Team
Eligibility and Selection Criteria
Important Procedures and General Information for Athletes**

Eligibility and Selection Criteria for Consideration of the 2017 Short Course Zone Team

To be eligible for Short Course Zone Team consideration, an athlete must meet all criteria listed below and complete the Pre-Registration application by 9 PM, Tuesday March 14, 2017.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. 2017 Connecticut Swimming (CSI) athlete member of USA Swimming in good-standing.
2. Participation in at least four (4) CSI regularly scheduled sanctioned meets (may include CSI Senior, Age Group, and Regional Championship meets) from September 1, 2016 to the conclusion of the 2017 Short Course CSI Age Group Championship.
3. Complete and submit the pre-registration application 9 PM, Tuesday March 14, 2017.
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 (disability) athlete should contact office@ctswim.org

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, 2016 through the conclusion of the 2017 Short Course CSI Age Group Championships will be selected.
2. From the pre-registered list of eligible athletes, 15/18 top 2 times per event achieved from September 1, 2016 through the conclusion of the 2017 Short Course CSI Senior Championships will be selected.
3. Swimmers must have a USA Swimming "AA" time.
4. If there are unfilled events, the fastest available swimmers who are already team members may be entered in those events.
5. Only times from USA Swimming sanctioned meets are eligible. Times from approved meets, observed meets, splits, relay splits, or time trials are NOT eligible initial qualification times.

PRE-REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

3-STEP PROCESS

1. **Pre-register:** Athletes wishing to be considered for the SCY Zone Team MUST PRE-REGISTER by the deadline of 9 PM, Tuesday March 14, 2017. Pre-registration is submitted using *Connecticut FAST My Account* for Parent or Swimmer.
 - a. Applications are submitted through Connecticut FAST My Account for swimmers or parents. Need help? Read these [instructions](#) for creating a My Account.
2. **Confirm:** Confirm your application has been received by running the FAST query named "2017 SC Zone Team Pre-Registration Application." The pre-registered athlete must check the Zone Team page (ctswim.org/Meets/Zone-Team/) for an updated event top times report showing the top eligible athletes for each event. During certain hours at the CSI Age Group Championship, there will be a ZONE TABLE displaying the most current report after the previous day's final sessions. At the conclusion of an event's final session, athletes who definitively qualify by having one of the top 3 (for 12/U) or top 2 (for 13/18) times (September 1, 2016 through the conclusion of that event's final) may then proceed to Step 3.

3. **Payment:** All selected athletes MUST PAY the NON-REFUNDABLE FEE IN FULL by 11 PM Sunday evening, March 19, 2017. 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 21, 2017. Payment instructions will be given to athletes selected for the team.

There will be a ZONE TABLE at Age Group Championships ON SUNDAY MARCH 19 from 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM where fully paid swimmers may pick up their team apparel and backpack. Swimmers and parents are encouraged to contact the Zone Coordinators at zones@ctswim.org with any questions.

ADDITIONAL PRE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. There is no deposit required, but Pre-Registration IS REQUIRED.
2. CSI Coaches and Club Contacts will be sent notification of this pre-registration requirement, via email from the CSI office, instructing clubs that the responsibility of communicating this pre-registration policy lies with each Coach/Club Contact and it is not the responsibility of CSI to communicate with athletes/parents except by notification on ctswim.org.
3. During the 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 until the pre-registration deadline. Instructions: Log into your Parent or Swimmer My Account and click on [edit] next to your submitted zone team pre-registration application.
4. During the pre-registration period a list of applicants will be available by running the FAST database query 2017 SC Zone Team Pre-Registration Application. This roster will include a list or number of CSI regularly scheduled sanctioned 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. Athletes meeting all the eligibility and selection criteria will be named to the zone team. Selection is final upon receipt of zone team payment in full. No exceptions. Payment instructions will be given to athlete's parents/guardians.
2. The age of the athlete is determined by his/her age on the first day of the Eastern Zone Age Group Championship meet, March 30, 2017.
3. 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 on their Zone pre-registration application.
4. This roster and team entry draft will be published and made available Monday evening after Age Groups via ctswim.org.
5. Starting Tuesday following Age Group Championships, there 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.
6. 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.
7. Zone Coordinators will continue and finalize the recruitment of chaperones and complete all logistical planning of the Zone trip.
8. 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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following information applies to swimmers selected for the Zone Team:

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 29). 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. They are welcome to attend both practices.

CONTACTS

Zone Coordinators: Margaret Daniel, Christine Kennedy, Lisa Tyler zones@ctswim.org