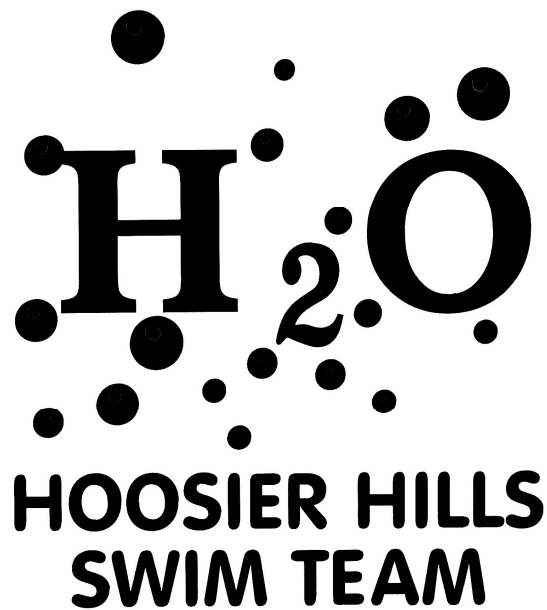


# Hoosier Hills Swim Team

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## Parent's Introductory Guide



Everything you did (and didn't) want to know about the  
Hoosier Hills Swim Team

## Mission

The Hoosier Hills Swim Club is dedicated to the advancement of swimming as a lifelong sport and is organized exclusively for educational, competitive, and recreational purposes.

## Teams

Hoosier Hills Swim Team has multiple team levels for both recreational and competition swimming. Hoosier Hills Swim Team is a competitive swim program affiliated with USA Swimming. Hoosier Hills Swim Team has a board of directors, a head coach and assistant coaches. **All swimmers are required to be members of USA Swimming** (a 12-month enrollment period). Hoosier Hills Swim Team is a not for profit organization.

## Tryouts

During swim tryouts our head coach, and coaching staff will evaluate your child's swimming ability. Your child will then be placed based on the coaching staff's recommendations and/or parent/swimmer preferences.

## Practice Location

The swim club operates at the Madison Junior High pool.

### Coaches

Kurt Kahl	Head coach
Stacey Crawley	Assistant coach
John Crawley	Assistant coach

### Board members

President	Holly Hamon
Vice President	Candace Worcester
Secretary	Kathe Preston
Treasurer	Shelley Morrison
Entry Chair	

**Our coaching staff is very dedicated and someone is at every practice.**

## Practices

Attendance at practice is not mandatory for the Recreational Teams. Your swimmer's ability to improve and swim faster is directly affected by attendance at practice, and it is recommended that a swimmer attend as often as possible to show continued improvement. Competition Teams must be willing to attend multiple practices per week. Practices start promptly.

## Parents at Practices

Parents are always welcome to sit and watch practices. A spectator area is available at the pool.

***Parents are not allowed on pool deck.***

Check your practice schedule every night. Practice times may vary so please check before dropping off your swimmer at practice. The team website is always current on schedules.

[www.geocities.com/h2oswimteam](http://www.geocities.com/h2oswimteam)) **Be prompt when picking up your swimmer after practice.**

## Coach Questions

If you have a question or concern regarding swim team, or the coaching staff please ask a coach, or one of the board members. The issue may not be resolved immediately. However, *only open communication between parents, coaches and board members will lead to a positive environment for all swimmers. Please refrain from asking coaches during practice, when our coaches are concentrating on their swimmers. Board Members are usually available for questions during practice.*

## Practice Schedules

Schedules will be available at all practices and on the team website.

([www.geocities.com/h2oswimteam](http://www.geocities.com/h2oswimteam)) ***IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH FAMILY TO PICK-UP SCHEDULES, AND CHECK THE TABLE FOR ANY LAST MINUTE NOTICES.***

## Seasons

Hoosier Hills Swim Team participates in two swimming "seasons". Dues are based upon the season unless otherwise noted.

Fall/Winter season runs September through February.

Summer season runs April through July.

## Discount for multiple swimmers in a family

20% discount on second child's monthly dues.

***The discount applies to monthly dues only!!*** It does not apply to USA Swimming registration, team suit cost or meet fees.

## Payment

Team dues are due at the beginning of each month or at one time for 10% off.

Only one check is required payable to Hoosier Hills Swim Team or H2O.

**ANY SWIMMER WHOSE DUES HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED BY THE TREASURER TWO WEEKS PAST THE DUE DATE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE WATER UNTIL THE DUES INSTALLMENT HAS BEEN PAID.**

## When is my child ready for a meet?

Ask your child's coach if they are ready for a meet, which strokes, and which events.

We encourage all children to participate in meets. The younger children, 6 and under, typically ribbon because so few enter the events. They smile for days, and walk around telling everyone about their ribbons. Older children enjoy socializing, cheering on their teammates, and applying all the skills they have been drilled on during practice.

## Meet Entry Forms / Fees

Meet sign-up sheets and forms will be available at practice. Entering a swimmer in any meet can only be done on this form. Please read carefully and follow all instructions on the sheets. ***These forms should be turned in to a board member. Payment MUST accompany meet entry form in order to be processed.*** These fees are not refundable. If your swimmer is only to swim particular events, or day then this should be noted on the form. Please indicate, on form, if there is an interest in swimming relays. Fees for swim meets usually range from \$2.00 to \$4.00 per event. H2O pays for all relay entries. However, you will be charged for the relay if you scratch and cause relay to be scratched. A \$7.50 coach's fee will be charged per swimmer per meet.

**Financial Standing for Swim Meet Entry** *ALL SWIMMERS MUST BE IN GOOD FINANCIAL STANDING WITH HOOSIER HILLS SWIM TEAM TO ENTER MEETS. YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER ANY MEETS IF YOUR DUES AND FEES ARE NOT PAID OR IF YOUR PAYMENT PLAN IS NOT CURRENT.*

If a swimmer owes any money, he/she will not be allowed in the water until these fees are paid.

## Transportation

Transportation to and from meets is to be provided by families. A parent or guardian must accompany any swimmer representing Hoosier Hills Swim Team who attends a swim meet. In the event a parent or guardian cannot attend, other arrangements must be made with another H2O family to supervise the swimmer.

## New to Swim Meets?

Relax—swim meets are fun. The best thing to do is ask a "Seasoned" swim meet parent what to expect. Some things to keep in mind:

- o Ask who the coach for your child will be at the meet. We have several coaches who maybe in charge of the meet.
- o Arrive at the scheduled sign-in time for the a.m. or p.m. session. Your child must circle their name on the sign-in sheets; otherwise, they will be scratched from the meet. If this would happen or you believe there is an event error, find and speak with your child's coach.
- o Mark your child's events in permanent marker or pen on their arm or leg, and explain the events.
- o ***Have your swimmer locate and report to their coach.*** The coaches will tell them where they are camping as a team, and which lane they are to warm-up in, if they are in relays, etc.
- o ***PARENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON DECK FOR INSURANCE REASONS!***
- o Younger children should stay where their coach can easily find them so that they can help them get to the clerk of course to line-up for their event.
- o Swimmers always should ask their coach if they are done for the day before leaving a meet. Swimmers may be needed for last minute relay substitutions.
- o Bring dry clothes for your swimmer, small snacks, dry towels, and activities for between events.
- o Wear comfortable clothing—swim meets are hot and steamy.

***Enjoy the positive experience and congratulate your swimmer regardless of how they place.***