

Hershey Aquatic Club

Team Policies

1. Prior to the beginning of each season, the board and coaches will determine how many swimmers can be accommodated within the HAC program. Year-round swimmers will be given first priority. Pursuant to the Township of Derry's agreement with HAC, club rosters must maintain at least 80% resident participation.
2. Any new swimmer entering the Hershey Aquatic Club program must go through our Beginners' Technique Class, if offered. Swimmers transferring from another team must submit times and will be evaluated by the coaching staff regarding acceptance and level placement.
3. Coaches will determine what level of practice each swimmer will attend. All swimmers are expected to attend scheduled practices. No swimmer is to substitute one level practice group for another. Absence from practice cannot be made up at another level's practice time.
4. Parents are not to be on pool deck during practice. If parents wish to speak with the coaches, please schedule an appointment. Practice time is for the swimmers!
5. All swimmers are expected to participate in fund raisers as the fund raisers support the entire team. Each family has the option of paying the applicable fund raiser exemption fee.
6. All families are expected to help in the operation of swim meets.
7. The Hershey Aquatic Club is a youth program designed to teach age group swimming and promote wholesome competitiveness and ethics on an individual and TEAM basis. We emphasize good sportsmanship – the respect of teammates, coaches, competitors, officials and the rules by which we swim – from swimmer and parent. In an effort to maintain a high level of team cohesion, our coaching staff and/or board may restrict a swimmer from practicing and/or competing if that swimmer acts in a manner, which adversely affects the team.
8. We urge ALL swimmers to participate in ALL our meets. However, swimmers must swim in at least 3 meets per season (league and/or USA) to remain in good standing with HAC. Noncompliance may result in a swimmer not being allowed to reregister for future seasons. This policy does not have any relationship to the participation award requirements.
9. Swimmers are expected to wear the team suit/uniform which will be of identical coloring and pattern. The cost of the team uniform is the responsibility of the swimmer.

10. The coaches will decide what events swimmers will swim in a league dual meet and a USA meet. Due to league rules of limited exhibition heats, coaches will have the final say regarding meet lineup.
11. Swimmers are responsible to inform the coaches **IN WRITING** if they **CANNOT** attend a Saturday league dual meet by the Wednesday before the meet.
FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE MAY RESULT IN THE SWIMMER BEING UNABLE TO SWIM THE NEXT MEET. Please be considerate.
12. To participate in league Divisionals, a swimmer must have a documented time to swim a divisional event, and the swimmer must have swum in at least 3 league dual meets.
13. Relays will be made up at the discretion of the coaching staff.