
Caney Creek Swim Team

North Atlanta Swim Association

2002 Season

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The Case for A Swim Team

Growing up in Cobb County, I swam on my neighborhood swim team for many years. There, I learned the fundamentals – strokes, breathing, proper technique. I also learned teamwork, patience, and perseverance. I also grew to know my neighbors and made new friends. Some of those on our team moved into year-round competition, and one even went to the Olympics. He was an inspiration to us, as well as the many swimmers who came after him.

While the children of Caney Creek may be able to gain skills such as those noted above in organized sports outside the neighborhood, there is much to be said for the bonding that occurs between neighbors. Those summer friendships have a way of creating a community that sticks together through years of school, bus rides, and in some cases across the distance of many years of growing up.

Because swim team was such a positive experience for me and for the many other children I swam with, I would like very much to offer this opportunity to my son as well as all the other Caney Creek children.

To this end, is this document, outlining what is necessary to start a swim team and join the North Atlanta Swim Association.

I realize that there is a substantial cost – both in time commitments and monetary obligation to make this dream a reality. In casual conversation , many, many parents have expressed an interest in the team. I firmly believe that with the passion to pursue it, we can create an enduring legacy of competition and triumph for Caney Creek.

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Getting Started

Monetary Cost

The costs of getting started are detailed on the following pages, taken from the North Atlanta Swim Association information.

This includes:

Annual Costs

\$450 Annual League Fee

\$2000 to \$4000 Summer Salary for Head Coach

\$1500 to \$2000 Summer Salary for Assistant Coach

One-Time Costs

Build starting blocks (see later in this document for requirements)

Retrofit pool with lane ropes

\$500 for Software to run meets (see www.hy-tekltd.com for Meet Manager and Team Manager) This is a league requirement

One-time Cost (or donation?) for Laptop and printer to run software

Basic PA System

Other miscellaneous costs (see detail later in document)

Raising Funds

Fundraising for the Caney Creek Swim Team can take many forms. Some of these might be:

- Charging swimmers to be part of the team (\$45 to \$85 has been suggested) to cover coach salaries
- The software generates schedules that can be sold at the meets for \$1 each
- Donated Concessions can be made and sold at the meets
- Team suits, shirts, towels, etc. can be created with the team logo and sold to those swimmers and their families who would like them. Team suits are NOT a requirement to swim. (see agonswim.com for examples of suits)
- Opening up the team to swimmers outside the neighborhood at a higher fee

Next Steps

Coach

The most important thing to do right away is to secure a coach and an assistant coach. This can be done through local organizations such as Swim Atlanta.

Allocating and Budgeting

The second step is to secure our financing and determine what fund raising opportunities will be necessary.

Joining the North Atlanta Swim Association

NASA meets in March to plan the season, but there is no cost until the April meeting, where all dues are paid and where we will receive our Rule Book. At the final planning meeting in April, we will receive our ribbons, etc.

Recruiting Volunteers

It will then be necessary to solicit help from the neighborhood parents, as there are many personnel requirements. From those volunteers, we can establish a schedule (relative to the meets) of who we need to do what when.

Creating Fundraising Opportunities

During the winter months, we will need to create all the materials necessary for a successful team, including a team name and logo, any banners, as well as researching items such as team suits, shirts, towels, and premium items such as team license plates, stickers, water bottles, etc. that may be put up for sale.

Registering Swimmers

April will be the perfect time to recruit and register the members of our swim team. This can be done by newsletter, website/email, also by forms distributed in mailboxes. Deadlines would be established for mid-April

Ready, Set, Swim!

Practices are traditionally every weekday morning starting as soon as school ends. Meets are on weekday evenings. Most teams compete in up to 5 meets, ending in early July (as everyone tends to go on vacation in July). As a new team, we would only be asked to host two meets for the 2002 season.

Last: Relax!

For the first season, the team will be a true learning experience for all concerned. We will need to learn from our mistakes and allow the team to evolve over several seasons. As long as our children are having fun and learning to be good swimmers and great team players, the team will be a success.

North Atlanta Swim Association Requirements

SWIM LEAGUE COST BREAKDOWN

Total cost to swim \$450.00

Total cost to dive \$75.00

DUAL MEET OFFICIAL: The cost of a starter/referee will be \$50.00 per meet. Each team shall contribute \$25.00 per meet. The referee will be paid \$5.00 for each additional 15 minutes that a meet runs past 9:00 p.m., this cost is to be split between the two teams. The fee will be paid directly to the official on the day of the meet. In the case of inclement weather the referee will be paid \$25 for showing up at the pool, from there the starter will be paid \$10 for completing 0 - 20 events, \$15 for completing 21-40 events, \$20 for completing 41-60 events, and \$25 for completing 61-68 events. The \$25 appearance fee will be paid for the original, as well as the rescheduled meets. Again, all starter/referee costs are to be shared by both teams.

ENTRY FEE FOR LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP & STATE QUALIFYING MEET:

The entry fee for the League Championship and State Qualifying meet is \$1.50 per individual event. Relays for the League Championship are \$6.00 per relay team.

Late entries are not allowed for either meet.

** A check is to be attached to the entries for the League Championship and State Qualifying Meets, all checks should be made out to Fulton County Recreation.

TEAMS WILL RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THEIR DUES PAYMENT

- All required ribbons for scoring events for their dual meets.
- A complete supply of 2 part score sheets.
- Timers and place judges forms.
- Dual meet roster forms.
- Rule books for all team reps and coaches.
- Maps to all pools in the league.
- Copies of all league newsletters as published.
- Access to the league web site www.worldswim.com/atlanta

MINIMUM EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL

Minimum required equipment and supplies:

1. Starting blocks*
2. Chairs behind each lane (2 deep)
3. Backstroke flags at each end
4. Lane ropes
5. Lane markers
6. P.A. System
7. Bullhorn for starter
8. Starting gun (whistle for substitute)
9. Stopwatches
10. Clip boards
11. Table for scoring

Minimum personnel:

1. Two deck managers (one from each team)
2. One announcer
3. One starter/referee (provided by county)
4. Two place judges (one from each team)
5. Timers (two for each lane from the team swimming in that lane)
6. One judges recorder (home team provides)
7. Two master recorders (one from each team)
8. One runner (home team provides)
9. Two scorers (one from each team)
10. Two ribbon writer (one from each team)

Responsibilities of host team:

1. Provide all ribbons for non-exhibition events. Each team is responsible for providing their own exhibition ribbons.
2. Prepare the pool for the meet by having all paperwork completed. Arrange seating for meet officials, set up pool and any other preparation necessary prior to turning over the meet to the starter/referee.
3. Home team is responsible for calling in score of meets, the night of the meet, to Franke Marsden at (404) 352-3046 leave a message if there is no answer.

***STARTING BLOCKS**

- A. In pools with water depth of less than 3'6" at the start end all swimmers must start from the pool deck.
- B. In pools with water depth of 3'6" to less than 4' deep at the start end, all swimmers must start from starting platforms no higher than 18" above the water surface, or swimmers must start from the pool deck.
- C. In pools with water depth of more than 4' at the start end, all swimmers must start from starting platforms no higher than 30" above the water surface.
- D. All teams must adhere to these standards in all dual meets

JOB DESCRIPTIONS OF PERSONNEL NEEDED FOR SWIM MEET

Announcer. The host team will arrange for someone to act as announcer. In addition they shall provide him with equipment to perform his duty. This equipment includes loudspeaker or bullhorn and an order of events. Announcing for each meet must be loud enough to be understood by participants, officials and spectators. The host team will arrange for someone to act as announcer. In addition they shall provide him with equipment to perform his duty. This equipment includes loudspeaker or bullhorn and an order of events. Announcing for each meet must be loud enough to be understood by participants, officials and spectators.

Example of correct commands:

First call, event number and event description (i.e. "Event number 1, 6 & under girls free relay. Please report to the blocks")

After a short interval repeat the above for the second call.

At the end of second call, wait a short interval and give final call for the event.

The announcer should follow this procedure for all remaining events.

Try to stay 3 events ahead of the event in the water.

At all times the announcer should know what is going on. The event number, number of heats per event etc. so the calls can be made without haste. This keeps the meet running smoothly. At all times the next event should be on the deck. Working closely and communicating with the deck manager is vitally important in this position. The announcer should avoid talking while the starter is giving commands the swimmers.

Deck Manager. Each team will provide a deck manager. This person is in charge of the ready area and shall line up all swimmers on the deck for their event. He/she shall be provided with the score sheet listing names of all swimmers in all events. He/she shall notify each swimmer to wait behind the starting block until the starter takes over control of the race. The visiting team shall arrange for someone to work in the ready area to assist the deck manager in identifying swimmers. These people should be strong natured. Getting the swimmers and making sure that they are in place is difficult yet critical to the smooth running of the meet. Each team is responsible for making sure that their swimmers report to the ready area from the team area in time to be checked in by the deck manager.

Starter Referee. The starter referee is provided by the county to act as an impartial third party. This person is responsible for any conflicts that may arise during the course of the meet. The starter/referee will start all races and act as a stroke and turn judge during the event. If the starter/referee decides to disqualify a swimmer during an event he/she will signal by raising his/her hand and inform the place judges of the disqualification at the end of the event. At times the referee may be late or may be unable to show up. In this case, a person shall be appointed with the consent of both teams to act as the starter referee. Atlanta is a big city and travel can be difficult. The two teams need to work out any of these potential difficulties between each other when they occur. The starter referee is provided by the county to act as an impartial third party. This person is responsible for any conflicts that may arise during the course of the meet. The starter/referee will start all races and act as a stroke and turn judge during the event. If the starter/referee decides to disqualify a swimmer during an event he/she will signal by raising his/her hand and inform the place judges of the disqualification at the end of the event. At times the referee may be late or may be unable to show up. In this case, a person shall be appointed with the consent of both teams to act as the starter referee. Atlanta is a big city and travel can be difficult. The two teams need to work out any of these potential difficulties between each other when they occur.

Place Judges. Each team shall provide a place judge. The judges must in all events and, at all times command a clear view of the race and finish line. Judges shall not serve as timers in the same race. The judges are to judge the place finishes as they see them. The judges are to write the place finish on the judge's worksheet to be copied by the judge's recorder at the end of the race. The place judges override the times and the starter/referee over rides the place judges if there is a dispute.

Timers. At all meets times shall be taken on each lane. Each team shall provide two timers for each of their team's lanes. In a five lane pool the home team will provide two timers for the fifth lane. One of the timers will operate the watch and the other will record the times on the timer worksheet. In all events, at all times, the timer must have a clear view of the race and finish line. The timer shall look at the starter's gun and start the watch at the instant of the flash or smoke of the gun or starting device. The timer shall stop the watch immediately when any part of the swimmer's body touches the solid end of the pool as defined by

the USS rulebook. The second timer shall record times on the timers worksheet and communicate these times to the master recorder who shall record them on the score sheet.

Judges Recorder. The home team will supply a judge's recorder. Once the deck manager has lined the swimmers up in their lanes the judge's recorder will collect the score sheet and place himself/herself behind the place judges. When the race is finished and the judges and starter/referee have ruled on the place finishes, he/she will record the places in the appropriate block on the score sheet. For swimmers who have been disqualified by the starter/referee the judge's recorder will write "DQ" in the place block for that swimmer. The judges recorder will then pass the score sheet to the master recorder.

Master Recorder. Each team will provide a Master Recorder. The master recorder collects the score sheet from the judges recorder when the event is complete. The master recorder will then go to each lane and record each swimmer time as noted by the recording timer. With all places and times recorded, the master recorder will deliver the score sheet to the scoring table either directly or via the runner. Each team can alternate this job for each race. Each team will provide a Master Recorder. The master recorder collects the score sheet from the judges recorder when the event is complete. The master recorder will then go to each lane and record each swimmer time as noted by the recording timer. With all places and times recorded, the master recorder will deliver the score sheet to the scoring table either directly or via the runner. Each team can alternate this job for each race.

Runners. The home team shall provide a minimum of one runner at all times during the meet. Runners will be responsible for collecting the score sheets from the master recorder. Taking these promptly to the scorer's table. This position can be eliminated if the scoring table is in close enough proximity that the master recorders can deliver the scoresheet without slowing the meet.

Scorer. One scorer shall be provided from each team. They shall work together at the table provided. They will record scores of each event on the score sheets immediately after each event. A running score shall be kept at all times. Upon completion of the meet each team shall receive a copy of the score sheet. The home team receives the white copy; the visiting team receives the yellow copy.. One scorer shall be provided from each team. They shall work together at the table provided. They will record scores of each event on the score sheets immediately after each event. A running score shall be kept at all times. Upon completion of the meet each team shall receive a copy of the score sheet. The home team receives the white copy; the visiting team receives the yellow copy.

Ribbon Writers. Ribbon writers shall be responsible for recording the swimmer's name, place, and time in each event. Ribbons should be placed in two separate boxes and given to each team at the end of the meet.

A Final Note

The information in this proposal is by no means comprehensive. The rules and regulations are easily accessible at www.worldswim.com/atlanta.

Following is a list of NASA neighborhoods. We can contact any of their coordinators for advice or assistance in planning our team.

Aberdeen
Brookfield Country Club
Brookwood Hills
Cambridge
Chartwell
Chattahoochee Club
Country Club of The South
Crooked Creek
Deer Lake
Doublegate
Edenwilde
Foxdale Reserve/Estates
Garden Hills
Glen Abbey
Hampton Hall / Warrenton
Hanover West
Haynes Landing
Hillbrooke
Horseshoe Bend
Huntcliff
Inverness
Laurel Springs
Martin's Landing
Medlock Bridge
Nesbit Lakes
Oxford Mill
Park Bridge / Pennbrook
Polo Golf & Country Club
Saddle Creek
Seven Oaks
Shakerag
Spring Ridge
St. Ives
St. Marlo
Sugar Mill
Wexford
White Columns
Wildwood Springs
Windward
Woodfield