

Authorization to Enter Meets NOT on HOSC Meet Schedule

The coaching staff puts significant thought and planning into choosing which meets we will attend. Participation in meets outside of the team's schedule has a number of unintended consequences including:

- Disrupting the coach's training and tapering plans
- Possibly diminishing swimmer performance due to "burnout" or racing becoming too routine. A swimmer cannot mentally prepare himself or herself to race every weekend;
- Imposing significant time burdens on coaches or parent volunteers in relation to becoming familiar with the times and entering them into the Hornet database.

Therefore, recognizing it is generally not in the best interest of the swimmer or the club, **Hornet Swim Club swimmers should not enter meets that are not on the team's schedule unless they have prior written authorization from the Head Coach on this form.** There will be cases, including some last chance meets, where permission will be granted. Note that even if permission is granted, it is the policy of Illinois Swimming that the swimmer must enter as Unattached, not as a member of HOSC.

If a swimmer receives Head Coach Authorization, he or she must:

- Swim Unattached, not for HOSC
- Realize that they will not receive any assistance in preparing or submitting entries from coaches and/or board members
- Realize they will not receive coaching advice in meet preparation, nor will a Hornet coach be present
- Get an electronic copy of the results, in Meet Manager backup format, to the Board ISI Registrar and Coach Mirko within 48 hours of the completion of the meet, within 24 hours if it is just before a championship meet

If a swimmer chooses to enter a meet without Head Coach Authorization, he or she must:

- Swim Unattached, not for HOSC
- Realize that they will not receive any assistance in preparing or submitting entries from coaches and/or board members
- Realize they will not receive coaching advice in meet preparation, nor will a Hornet coach be present
- Understand that times achieved will **not** be entered into the HOSC Team Manager software, so those times will not be used for entry into other meets

Swimmer Information

Swimmer Name: _____

USA Swimming Number _____

This number is birthday (MMDDYY) then three letters of first name, middle initial and four letters of last name. MMDDYYFIRMLAST

Meet Information

Name of Meet _____

Date of Meet _____

Location of Meet _____

Reason for wanting to enter meet:

Approval

Head Coach Signature _____

Date _____