

Middle Atlantic Short Course Zone Team Swimmer Application

Entry Deadline for 14 & under swimmers – March 5, 2012

Entry Deadline for 15 & over swimmers- March 15, 2012

All fields must be completed entirely for application to be accepted!

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Home # (_____) _____ Work # (_____) _____ Cell # (_____) _____

Male/Female _____ Date of Birth _____ Age at Zones _____

Parent's E-Mail _____ Team Name _____

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Please understand that this is an application for consideration only, not a guarantee that you will be selected for the zone team.

WHO: The Middle Atlantic Winter Zone Team takes the top two (*top three in the 11-12 and 10 & Under age groups*) Middle Atlantic swimmers in each event to compete against the other LSCs in the Eastern Zone. To participate, you must be a Middle Atlantic USA registered swimmer. If this is your first year as a registered Middle Atlantic swimmer, you must have swum in at least three Middle Atlantic sanctioned swim meets. If you have been MA registered for more than one year, you must have swum in at least five Middle Atlantic sanctioned meets in the previous two years. In addition, any 13 & Over swimmer who has achieved a USA Swimming Junior National, USA Swimming Spring Championships (using the 18/U qualifying times), US Open, USA Swimming Nationals, or a Trials Class Meet qualifying time in an individual event is not eligible to compete at zones. Any swimmer 12 or younger who has achieved a qualifying time for one of the above listed meets, but has not competed at any of those meets, may still participate at zones.

WHEN: The meet takes place on March 28-March 31, 2012.

WHERE: The meet will take place at the Webster Aquatic Center in Webster, NY. The 11 & Over swimmers will stay with the team, chaperones, and coaches at the team hotel, Rochester Plaza. The 10 & under swimmers will stay with their parents. The Zone Manager has reserved a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn Express in Webster, NY for 11 & over parents and the 10 & under swimmers and parents. Please contact the hotel directly at 585-872-0900 and ask for the Eastern Zone Swimming Competition- Middle Atlantic Swimming block. All reservations must be made by 3/15/12.

CONSIDERATION TIMES: All times from EVERY Middle Atlantic sanctioned meet will automatically be entered into the Zone Database. If you attend a meet outside the Middle Atlantic LSC or an observed or approved meet within the LSC, it will be the **APPLICANT'S** responsibility to send proof of time from the USA swimming website using the SWIMS database. These times should be submitted to the Middle Atlantic Office when they are achieved, but absolutely no later than March 1, 2012. Meets that occur after the March 1 deadline, e.g. High School Championships, should be submitted the day after the meet ends.

THE RULES:

- All 11 & Over team members must ride the team bus to and from the meet and reside with the team for the duration of the meet, irrespective of how many events they will swim.
- All 10 & Under swimmers will ride to and from the meet with their parents, stay with their parents and eat with their parents, with the exception of the team dinner and team practice on Wednesday evening. In addition, all 10 & Unders chosen to swim in a relay **MUST** participate in that relay. All 10 & Unders should be in attendance the entire duration of the meet, irrespective of how many events they will swim.
- Additional rules will be explained upon qualifying for the team; you may also get more information on the zone team policy from the Middle Atlantic website Zone Page.
- **The qualifying period for 14 and under swimmers is September 1, 2011 through March 11, 2012 (the last day of Short Course Junior Olympics). The qualifying period for 15 and over swimmers is September 1, 2011 through March 25, 2012 (the last day of MA Short Course Senior Champs). Swimmers 14 and younger CANNOT use times achieved at any meet after March 11, 2011 for Zone Team consideration.**

COST: 10 & Unders pay \$200.00, which includes equipment, one team dinner and meet entry fees.
11 & Overs pay \$550.00, which includes transportation, lodging, meals, equipment and meet entry fees.

*****All fees are due at the time of equipment pick-up at the zone team practice*****

MANDATORY EQUIPMENT: All swimmers are required to purchase a complete equipment package which will include 2 t-shirts, a hooded sweatshirt, and 2 swim caps. Please understand that the equipment is ordered long before the zone team has been selected and therefore **sizes cannot be guaranteed**. We will do our best to accommodate each swimmer with the appropriate size. Swimmers may wear any legal swimsuit, provided the suit does not have their home club's logo on it. Suits are NOT included in the equipment package.

SIZING: Identify in the space provided S, M, L or XL. All equipment is adult sizing.

T-Shirt ____ Sweatshirt ____

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT: MA Swimming may offer additional equipment, which will be available first- come first-serve at the zone team practice. Quantities will be limited.

Please list the **Middle Atlantic** meets you have participated in, or your application will **NOT** be valid. List below the five meets in which you have participated in the past two years; note that first year MA registrants need only list three meets. Your meets will be checked, so please provide accurate information. **Dual meets, intrasquad meets and meets outside Middle Atlantic's boundaries CANNOT be used to fulfill the participation requirement.**

Meet Name	Meet Host	Meet Dates
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

I hereby certify that I understand the above information and will abide by the team rules if selected; that I have participated in the appropriate number of MA meets in the preceding year or years; and that I am responsible for submitting results that were not swum at sanctioned Middle Atlantic meets.

Swimmer Signature: _____ Date: _____

Any questions should be e-mailed to the Zone Manager, Kate Scheuer, at email@udac.us.

This application and \$5.00 processing fee, check made payable to MA Swimming, must be received by March 5, 2012 at 4:00 PM at the below address.

NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!

Applications will ONLY be accepted by mail or hand delivery and must include the \$5 check for processing. Faxes will NOT be accepted.

Middle Atlantic Swimming, Inc.
Attn: 2011 Winter Zones
2150 New Castle Avenue
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