

Dear Parents & Swimmers-

We will be sending in our entries for this year's Zone Qualifying Meet by the end of February. Meet will be held at Lehman College March 14-16, 2008 (Morning prelims and evening finals for 11 & over - afternoon timed finals for 10 & under)

It is a Metropolitan Swimming rule that ALL swimmers entering the Zone Qualifying Meet do so with the intention of attending the Eastern Zone Championships should they qualify as part of Metro's Zone Team. This includes swimmers who finish below 2nd place at the Zone Qualifying Meet but who move up because someone else scratches an event. (A swimmer may only swim 6 events at Zones. Therefore, any swimmer who qualifies in more than 6 events must scratch out of their extra events. This allows a swimmer who places 3rd or lower to move up and make Metro's Zone team.)

The Marlins Swim Team will strictly adhere to Metropolitan Swimming's rule. ALL Marlins attending the Zone Qualifying Meet do so with the knowledge that should they make the Metro Zone Team they will be required to attend Zones, even if they qualify in only 1 event (this includes swimmers who make the team because of scratches). No exceptions!

Therefore, if you will not allow your child to attend the Eastern Zone Championships for any reason, they may not compete in the Zone Qualifying Meet. Please notify us, in writing, no later than Wednesday, February 27 if your child is not to be entered in the Zone Qualifying Meet.

Thank you-

The Marlins Coaches

PS: The Eastern Zone Championship meet will be held in Buffalo April 3-5, 2008 (Bus leaves on Wednesday April 2, 2008). The cost for swimmers 11 & over is \$325 (this includes meet entries, transportation, Hotel, equipment and meals). The cost for swimmers 10 & under is \$150 (includes meet entries and equipment). Swimmers 10-under must travel with their parents and stay at a hotel with their parents.

To help defray the cost of the meet, the Boys & Girls Club gives a stipend of \$100 per swimmer. Final cost for Marlins swimmers will then be \$225 for 11 & over and \$50 for 10 & under.

Information packet will be given to swimmers that qualify for Zones. All forms and checks will be due by the end of the meet (Sunday, March 16 - no exception)