

# The Meet Entry Fee Assistance Program

Pacific Swimming is introducing a new Meet Entry Fee Assistance Program (MEFAP) to help swimmers cover the costs of entering swim meets. The swimmer would pay for the splash fee associated with each meet and Pacific Swimming will cover the individual swims' entry fees. To be eligible, swimmers must be a registered outreach swimmer OR have a family-proven hardship, verified by a coach. Swimmers may use the attached form to register for each meet. For answers to some common questions, please see below. If your question is not answered below, please contact Annie Stein, [astein@pacswim.org](mailto:astein@pacswim.org).

## Frequently Asked Questions:

*Are all types of meet included?*

All Sanctioned meets that use Swim Connection online entry are included: C/B/A+; JOs; Senior; Invitational; Dual and Tri meets.

*Are there any meet exclusions?*

Yes, excluded meets are those meets where entry fees are charged to participating teams, and that do not use individual entries through Swim Connection, e.g Superleague, CSA league meets and Far Western and/or other meets where entries are via USA-S OME system.

*What happens if a swimmer, despite the splash fee buy in, does not come to the meet?*

Nothing. If swimmer no show's at the meet, he/she will just be in the 10% scratch observed in most Pacific Swim meets. The no show could be due to a variety of reasons such as illness, school obligations etc.

*Does the standard meet entry deadline apply?*

Yes, the standard meet mail-in entry deadline applies. Cutoff for entries will be based on the postmarked date of the entry if a meet closes early. Swimmers who intend to apply for assistance are encouraged to apply early to allow Pacific Swimming staff enough time to process the application. We may choose to enforce an earlier entry deadline if we run into processing issues as we roll out this program.

*Is this program only open to registered outreach swimmers?*

No, it is not restricted to swimmers who are registered as outreach swimmers. If due to current unforeseen financial circumstances, a swimmer suddenly qualifies under the outreach criteria, he/she can provide the documentation required for outreach swimmers along with the application form.

*Do you allow electronic entry using Swim Connection?*

No, all entries must be done using the consolidated entry form from the standpoint of saving money. Also, Swim Connection does not have the provision for handling different categories of swimmers online.

*How do I know my application is accepted and my swimmer is entered into the meet?*

The entries will be processed by Pacific Swimming staff into Swim Connection and confirmation can be sent to applicants via e-mail.

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Please mail entry form with check for the splash fee (payable to Pacific Swimming) to Pacific Swimming Sanctions at: **1080 S. De Anza Blvd., San Jose, CA 95129**. Entry form will not be accepted if Splash Fee check is not attached (do not mail cash). MEFAB entries are subject to the same meet closure restrictions. If the meet closes early, the postmarked date will be used to verify date of submission of MEFAB entries. For questions, please e-mail Annie Stein at [astein@pacswim.org](mailto:astein@pacswim.org).