

## *New Berlin Swim Club*

### **Practice Groups:**

Throughout the years, NBSC has grown both in numbers and levels of ability in its swimmers. Before every session, the practice groups and swimmers placements are evaluated to best suit the current needs of our swimmers. Here are the criteria for the various practice groups as they exist at this time:

### **Senior A & B Level -**

Swimmers with enough swimming background to handle sophisticated practices. Within the Senior practices, there may be as many as three different workouts being done simultaneously to cater to the needs of each swimmer. During the summer, *High School Maintenance* may exist to accommodate the Senior who just wants to “stay in shape” for their High School team. This is based on space availability. All High School swimmers are senior swimmers. During their High School swim season, there is a reduced club fee. This allows them to come to Club practice at anytime during the High School season for additional training and/or stroke work. High School swimmers are not eligible to compete for the Club until their season is over.

### **Age Group Levels:**

**Gold :** This group is for swimmers who show a basic understanding of the four strokes and turns. Fun and fundamentals are taught and stressed. Pace work and some limited training are introduced. This group is also for experienced swimmers moving up from the Silver group.

**Silver:** This group is for the new novice level swimmer. This is strictly a fun teaching group, concentrating on competitive swimming basics. Learning the four strokes and turns is stressed in this level.

**Bronze:** This is our level for all new swimmers. There are 2 levels within this group.. A beginning level for the new novice swimmer and a group for the more experienced swimmer. Fun, fun, and fundamentals are stressed.

***Note:** All swimmer placements within a group are determined by the coaching staff. Swimmers may be moved to different groups throughout the swim season, depending upon their individual progression. Any new fees for the more advanced group will not go into effect for that swimmer until a new session begins.*

## **Fees for the New Berlin Swim Club**

The following is an explanation of the various fees that you may incur as a member of the New Berlin Swim Club. Members can earn credits from fund raising in order to help defer the costs of the club. (See fund raising section of this booklet for details.)

1. **Club Fees:** NBSC is a non-profit organization.. The funds collected through these fees are used to operate the club. The club fees are charged once per session per swimmer. The amount is dependent upon the swimmers' level. In families with multiple swimmers, there is a \$100.00 discount for the second, third, etc. swimmer. The first swimmer will pay the full fee.
  
2. **Unites States Swimming (USS) Registration Fee:** All members of the New Berlin Swim Club must join USS , Inc. This association provides general liability and secondary accident medical insurance coverage. Membership also allows swimmers to compete in USS sanctioned meets. Each swimmer is given an unique identification number and will receive their USS swim card. A copy of this card is held by the USS registration chair for the club. This fee is charged annually. If registering in the fall session, the fee covers this fall and the next calendar year. There is a reduced fee for swimmers eight (8) years old and younger.
  
4. **Entry Fee:** Each time a swimmer swims in a meet, they will be charged for the events that they participate in by the club hosting the meet. These fees include individual events, relays they participate in, and a splash fee.
  
5. **Fund Raising and NBSC Meet Participation Requirements:** Please refer to the fund raising section of this booklet for details.

## **Fund Raising Options and Requirements:**

The New Berlin Swim Club's Goal is to offer a consistently high quality youth swimming program, while keeping our costs to our members as reasonable as possible. We feel that the club offers a high level of coaching experience, ample pool time and space. We provide a positive challenging environment for our swimmers. Currently, our club has one of the lowest fee structures, for a program of this caliber, in the area. In order to keep fees reasonable, we offer the following fund raising options and requirements:

The club tries to offer one general fund raiser per session. All profits derived from these fund raisers will be split 75/25 between the club and the family. (SCRIP is an on-going fund raiser) This 75/25 split of profits, affords each family an opportunity to offset some or all of the cost associated the Club fees. These profits can only be credited to your account for use within the swim club and are not paid out in cash. There is no mandatory participation requirement for our general fund raisers. We hope that you will participate to some degree, to help the club raise additional revenues. As a "thank you" for helping the club, we offer each family 75% of the profits. Many families have paid for all or a substantial portion of their club fees through this system.

### **Required Fund Raising**

In order to keep fees increased to a minimum and still meet our financial obligations, the club has decided to require participation in the following area.

Each family is required to participate in any NBSC hosted meets. Hosting swim meets is an important activity that affords our members opportunities to compete, socialize and learn more about the sport of swimming hands on. It is also an important revenue source for the club. Hosting a meet can be a fun and rewarding experience if we have enough people involved.

The club requires one adult to sign-up to help us either run one session per day of a club hosted meet (approximately four(4) hours), or participate in pre-meet set-up or post meet tear down activities. Most parents are present to watch their swimmers compete and enjoy helping at the same time. If a family does not participate in the above stated events, their account will be billed \$100.00. There are no exceptions to this rule.

## **Meet Information and Sign-up**

The New Berlin Swim Club is a competitive swimming program. As such, we strongly encourage our swimmers to participate in scheduled meets. It is however not mandatory to do so. Please ask your swimmer's coach for assistance in selecting which meets and which events are appropriate for your swimmer to swim.

In order to be accepted into various meets, and guarantee spots for our swimmers, the club sends out reservations for every meet we select to attend. A reservation is a pre-paid amount to cover the total number of swims we expect to use at each meet. Individual events usually run \$3.00 - \$4.00 per event. For example: we expect to send 50 swimmers to a meet. Each swimmer can swim 4 events per day at \$ 3.00 per event. The meet is two days long. We would reserve 400 swims for the meet and would have to send a reservation check to the host club for \$1200.00 to guarantee our spot in the meet. The reservation system is quite competitive as clubs throughout the state vie for spots in the various meets. The date when reservations are sent out is before the start of our swim sessions. It is important that the actual number of swimmers who attend any given meet is close to the initial reservation number, as refunds are not given. We therefore strongly encourage all swimmers to participate in as meets as possible.

Two meet schedules are distributed yearly. A "short course" meet schedule in the fall, for competitions that take place from September through March in 25 yard pools. The second is a "long course" meet schedule in the spring, for meets occurring between April and August. These meets are mostly held in 50 yard pools. The schedule contains general information about each meet. The meet schedule is accessed on the internet at [www.wisconsinswimming.org](http://www.wisconsinswimming.org).

### **Meet Sign-up:**

All important club information is posted on NBSC's website. This includes upcoming meets and when information is due. In addition, all club members are provided with emails as to when each meet entry is due. Meet sign-up forms are available on the club website as well as in the mailboxes located at each pool.

We allow swimmers and parents to pick which events to enter in most meets, with the coach having the right to add or change an individual's entry. If you are unsure as to which events to enter, please ask your swimmer's coach for help. There is no team transportation provided to USS meets.

When completing a meet entry form, pay close attention to the due date. Return the entry form along with payment made out to NBSC to the proper meet folder in the mail box. There will be no late entries accepted. A copy of the meet entry will be posted on the bulletin board at the pool. Mistakes can and do occur. These mistakes can sometimes be

corrected before the meet if caught early enough. Please check your swimmer's entry at the pool. Once your swimmer has competed in a meet, their best times are logged in our computer and will be used for the next meet they enter. Personal log books are available for purchase through the club store. All results will be posted at the pool after the meet so that you may record your swimmers times and pick up any awards they may have won.

## **NBSC Hosted Meets**

Twice a year, the New Berlin Swim Club hosts an Unites States Swimming sanctioned swim meet. This is a chance for our parents to get hands on experience with the operations of a swim meet. Remember that participation in these meets is required by all NBSC families. ( See “required fund raising” section for details). There is no experience required and all necessary training will be provided on the day of the meet. These meets are a wonderful opportunity for our swimmers to meet and get to know each other. In practices they see only a small portion of their team members, while in one of our hosted meets, they will see almost every NBSC swimmer.

We currently host our February meet at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee pool. This is a high quality eight lane facility that affords swimmers a better opportunity to swim fast. We host our summer meet at Waukesha South High School. This is a relatively new facility and a great place to swim.

There will be a sign-up sheet provided for the various jobs and duties that are involved with the operation of our swim meet. A flyer will also be disturbed from the Meet Director regarding details about the meet. The following list contains the majority of positions which need to be filled for each meet:

- Head Timers
- Awards
- Announcing
- Runners
- Meet Marshall
- Heat Controllers
- Hy-tek Computer Operations
- Colorado Systems Operator
- Meet Set-up/tear Down
- Lane Timers ( 2 per lane)
- Admissions
- Concessions

Your help is greatly appreciated. We have a reputation for running great swim meets, and it is only with your assistance that we can continue this standard. Look for details at the pool and in you mail boxes.

## **Donations And Advertising**

Remember that all donations to the New Berlin Swim Club are made to a non-profit organization. Consult your own tax advisor for deductibility. In return for your donation you will receive an ad or sponsorship line in our meet heat sheet. Thank you For your support of the New Berlin Swim Club.

There are several ways to donate.

### **1. Sponsorship of an event at our swim meet:**

You, a friend, a relative or business can sponsor an event. Your name will be listed above an event in the heat sheet. Events will be given out at random so the club can fill all events, Cost is \$30.00 per event minimum. You can always give more. There are a limited number of events available for each meet. Each sponsorship is for one meet.

### **2. Lane Sponsorship:**

Anyone can sponsor a lane at our swim meets. There are only eight - ten lane sponsorships available depending upon the pool that we are swimming at. A sign will appear behind the lane with your name, or business on it. Cost is \$300.00 minimum per lane. This cost includes a sign for two meets.

### **3. Advertising Space for Heat Sheets:**

Advertising or personal message space is available for purchase at the following rates:

1/8 page (business card size)	= \$35.00
1/4 page	= \$75.00
1/2 page	= \$150.00
Full page	= \$200.00
Name on Awards	= \$500.00

## **Team Attire / Club Store**

The New Berlin Swim Club has an official team swim cap, team warm-ups, back packs and various other articles of clothing which can be personalized with the individual swimmers name as well as the NBSC logo. It is not required that members purchase team items, but it is strongly recommended to promote team pride and unity.

In order to make life easier for our members, the club has an in pool "Club Store". The following items are available for purchase:

- Swim fins
- Meet Suits
- Goggles
- Practice Caps
- Meet Caps
- Team bags
- Log books
- Age group warm - up sweats - tops / pants
- Senior warm - up jacket / pants

There will be a team suit / warm -ups and jacket sale at pool one day per swim session. Watch for details on the website and email.

There are team attire order forms available in the mailboxes. Just fill out a form and turn it back in with payment attached. Please be sure of sizes as returns are difficult.

The club does this as a service for our members. The club store chairperson has to chase around to fill these orders. Your patience is appreciated.

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