

2021 CENTRAL ZONE 14 and Under AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS ILLINOIS ZONE TEAM MEMBER INFORMATION

Zone Team Member,

Congratulations on your participation on the 2021 Illinois Age Group Zones Team. My name is Pam Lowenthal I am the Illinois Team Manager. We have assembled a great group of coaches who will lead the swimmers and we are looking forward to watching some fast swims from Team Illinois along with another first place finish.

Important Dates & Deadlines for the Central Zone Meet

- All apparel orders for Team Illinois must be made by July 25, 2021
- A Zones table will be setup at the Illinois Age Group State Championships July 22-25, 2021 to answer any questions concerning your athlete(s) registration as a member of Team Illinois for the meet. All registrations for events MUST be done on line here. Swimmers times from Age Group State will be updated by myself at that meet.
- ➤ On August 1, 2021, at 10:00pm, Zone entries will be officially closed for any new qualifiers, new events or time updates.

WHAT DO YOU DO NEXT?

- After you have signed your athlete up for Team Illinois you will receive a confirmation email that will instruct you to go to the apparel website to order your Team Illinois uniform. You will also be instructed to return to the Illinois Swimming Zone website to choose your athlete's events. Please remember this is a two-part process.
- If for some reason you are not able to fulfill your commitment to Team Illinois and participate in this meet, please email Team Manager Pam Lowenthal at pam.lowenthal@ilswim.org as soon as possible.
- **APPAREL** Team Illinois outfitting is <u>only</u> available to swimmers who participate in the meet. All ordering information will be emailed to you after you have signed your swimmer up for the meet.
- TEAM ILLINOIS PHOTO The Team Illinois photo will be taken on Thursday, August 5, 2021, at 11:00 am. Additional ordering information will be sent when received from the photographer. PLEASE WEAR YOUR BLUE TEAM ILLINOIS T-SHIRT FOR THE PICTURE!

NEW EVENTS AT AGE GROUP STATE MEET

If your swimmer achieves new event cuts at Age Group State that you would like to add to their Zone events, simply visit the Zones Table at the Age Group State meet. We will direct you to the on line registrations once the times are uploaded each day.

TIME UPDATES AT AGE GROUP STATE MEET

There is no need to update your swimmer's entry time with faster times achieved at the Age Group State Meet. Prior to the entry being sent in, we will update ALL participating swimmers times with the final results from the Age Group State Meet. We will be posting the updates and entries at the Age Group State Meet for you to check.

RELAYS

Relays are determined by national database reports. Relays will be determined at the meet based on best times. Relays are subject to Zone performances and are at the discretion of the Team IL coaching staff. We will post and email relays as soon as we know them so, please check with your coach before leaving each session. Relays will be posted near the Team Illinois table as well as on deck and online. We can enter TWO relays per age group, which is 8 swimmers. We will have two alternates listed as well just in case something happens.

REGISTRATION, TEAM PICTURE & TEAM PRACTICE

Registration for Team Illinois is on Thursday, August 5, 2021, at 11:00am – 1:30 pm at the venue. The Team Illinois picture is at 11:00am. Team Illinois practice is from 12:30-1:30pm. You may check-in at the Team Illinois table upon your arrival. *Please note: The registration, picture and practice are all optional.

AFTER YOUR SWIMMER IS FINISHED

It is not mandatory for swimmers to attend the duration of the meet. Once your swimmer is done with his or her swims <u>and does not have a relay obligation</u>, you may leave after informing the Team Illinois table, but again please check with the coach about relays prior to departing.

EXTRA CAPS

Swimmers <u>may</u> have the opportunity to purchase extra swim caps for trading with other teams from the online ordering system. Any extra caps will be sold at the Zone meet at the Illinois Swimming table until they are sold out. Two silicone caps will be provided with their Team Illinois uniform along with two t-shirts. Latex caps will be available for purchase to trade.

MEET WEBSITE

Meet information along with live results will be posted on the internet.

OFFICIALS

Applications to officiate can be found here

On behalf of the entire Illinois Age Group Zone Staff, we are proud of all you have accomplished so far this season. We are looking forward to a fun, fast and exciting meet. Get ready to have a great time and to represent Illinois.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Go Team Illinois!

Pam Lowenthal Illinois Age Group Zone Team Manager

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