**Summary for Orange County Swim Conference – 2024**

The Orange County Swim Conference (OCSC) is a program provided by the Swim Team of Placentia. OCSC is a collection of age group swim teams in the Orange County area, dedicated to the development and implementation of a safe, positive, competitive environment for our young athletes, within a “whole” team environment.  The conference is governed by the members of the conference which are responsible for providing the stability of the conference as directed by the OCSC Standing Rules.

**Quick List About 2024**

* OCSC Registration Fee is $30 per swimmer
* 3 “Practice Meets” Offered, plus OCSC Finals / Champs
* OCSC Pentathlon: $30 per swimmer (in addition to the OCSC Reg Fee)
* OCSC Finals Participants will receive a Bag Tag

**Changes for This Year**

* OCSC Registration is only required to participate in OCSC evens hosted by STOP. Teams that run their own practice meets are not required to register swimmers until they sign up for one of the meets listed below.
* Swimmers are no longer required to participate in an OCSC event prior to OCSC Finals. Although, the Reg Fee is the same, swimmers my only participate in Finals if they choose.
* Swimmers may swim a maximum of 5 events at practice meets, but no more than 2 relays and not more than 3 individuals.

**OCSC Meet Schedule as Hosted by Swim Team of Placentia**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | ENTRY DEADLINE | **MEET DATE** | Cost | SANCTIONED ? | SWIMMER AWARDS | TEAM AWARDS |
| **OCSC Practice Meet 1** | Tuesday, May 21st | **Saturday, May 25th** | Included in OCSC Reg | No | No Awards | No |
| **OCSC Practice Meet 2** | Tuesday, June 18th | **Saturday, June 8th** | Included in OCSC Reg | No | No Awards | No |
| **OCSC Practice Pentathlon** | Tuesday, June18th | **Saturday, June 29th** | $30 per swimmer.Must be OCSC Registered | Yes | MedalsTop 8 Swimmers Combined Score | Team Trophies |
| **OCSC Practice Meet 3** | Friday, July 12th | **Saturday, July 20th** | Included in OCSC Reg | No | RibbonsTop 8 | No |
| **OCSC Finals** | Tuesday, July 23rd | **Saturday, August 3rd** | Included in OCSC Reg | Yes |  |  |
| **OCSC Championships** | Qualify from Finals | **Tuesday, August 6th** | Included in OCSC Reg | Yes | Medals Top 8 in each event | Team Trophies |

**USA-Swimming Registration**

All swimmers, participating in any OCSC event must be registered with USA Swimming prior to entering the event, and attached to an OCSC Team. Swimmers not registered will be removed from the meet. USA Swimming rules will govern. Current SCS Meet procedures will be enforced. Swimmers not found in USA Swimming “Swims” on the entry due date will be removed from the meet.

**OCSC Registration**

OCSC Swimmer registration is $30 per swimmer, regardless of when they join. A registered swimmer may participate in all OCSC events. However, participate in the Pentathlon will require an additional $30 Entry Fee. OCSC Registration payment will be required by the following dates:

 1st Payment due: Sunday, June 16th

 Unregistered swimmers may not enter the Pentathlon

 2nd Payment due: Sunday, July 22nd

 Unregistered swimmers may not enter OCSC Finals

The entry due date for OCSC Finals is the last date to register for OCSC.

**To Register Swimmers with OCSC**

To enter an OCSC Event, teams must submit a Electronic entry file. All swimmers that enter any of the OCSC events will automatically be registered with OCSC. Payment dates for registered swimmers are listed above.

**Conduct of OCSC Scheduled Practice Meets**

By definition, OCSC meets are “organized practices.” However, must be held within the following OCSC Parameters to be considered an OCSC Practice Meet:

* 1. A USA- S Official is preferred by not required for practice meets.
	2. Meet must follow the OCSC event (1-80) schedule. Events may be removed, but events outside the schedule may not be added.
	3. Only “Established” OCSC teams may participate in OCSC Practice Meets. Swimmers officially unattached but associated with a participating team may participate.
	4. Awards described above will be provided by STOP
	5. Swimmers must be electronically entered by the due date provided.

The goal of the “practice meets” is to teach / prepare swimmers for sanctioned competition. Each meet will provide a progressive adherence to the rules of swimming. Meaning, the technical rules of swimming will get be more strictly enforced each meet, with the goal of having all swimmers prepared for OCSC Finals / Champs.

**OCSC Swimmer Participation Rules for Practice Meets**:

A swimmer’s age on the first day of a meet governs age for that meet.

* 1. Swimmers must participate in their age group for individual events.
	2. Swimmers may “swim-up” no more than 1 (one) age groups in relay events in any OCSC events.
	3. Swimmers may **NEVER** “swim-down.” Two members of a relay team may “swim-up,” provided that one or both have not already swum the same relay in another age group. There must be at least 2 members of a relay team who are the correct age group.
	4. The maximum number of events a swimmer may participate in, officially and/or unofficially, per scheduled meet, is five, as follows:

 2 relays and 3 individual events **OR** 1 relay and 3 individual events.

* 1. Relays will consist of 2 boys and 2 girls. Relays may swim with a 3 to 1 ratio at Practice Meets in the 6 & Under, and 8 & Under age groups only.

**OCSC Pentathlon – Saturday, June 29th**

 **Entry, USAS, and OCSC Registered Deadline: 5:00 pm, Tuesday, June 18th**

 **Payment Deadline: Postmarked within 48 hours of electronic file entry**

 **Entries must be E-filed in accordance to the meet form**

 - Sanctioned Meet (USA & SCS Rules and Procedures Apply)

 - Swimmers must be OCSC registered to participate

 - Sanctioned OCSC Events Used

 - Swimmers must participate in their age group for all events

 - All swimmers must pay a $30 meet entry fee

**OCSC Finals / Championships – Saturday, August 3rd**

 **Entry SCS & OCSC Deadline: 5:00 pm, Tuesday, July 23rd**

 **Payment Deadline: Postmarked within 48 hours of electronic file entry**

 **Entries must be E-filed in accordance to the meet form**

 - Sanctioned Meet (USA & SCS Rules and Procedures Apply)

 - Swimmers must be OCSC Registered to participate

 - Sanctioned OCSC Events Used

 - Swimmers must participate in their age group for individual events, but may “swim up” for relays.

 - Swimmers are limited to 2 individual events and 2 relay events.