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**Please click [HERE](#) to apply for the 2017 Southeastern Swimming Age Group Zone Championship Team**

**The final day to apply is the Friday of Southeasterns (July 21, 2017)**



## **2017 Southern Zone Age Group Championships Meet August 1-5, 2017**

This meet will be conducted under the auspices of Mississippi Swimming, of United States Swimming, the rules of which will apply.

**Sanctioned by:**

Mississippi Swimming LSC and USA Swimming

**Hosted by:**

[Shockwave Aquatics Swim Team](#)

**Location:**

692 N. Veterans Blvd Tupelo, MS 38804

**Meet Summary**

The Zone Championship Meet feature the top regional swimmers from around the United States divided into the four designated zones: Central, Eastern, Southern, and Western. All applicants must be registered 2017 Southeastern Swimming athletes in good standing for 120 days prior to the start of the meet, August 1, 2017. Southeastern swimmers earning a position on this team have achieved the highest level of age group swimming and will experience a highly competitive meet at a world class swimming facility.

### **2017 Zone Team Information**

**Application Forms**

- 2017 SES Zone Team Application
- 2017 LSC Honor Code Form
- 2017 Southern Zone Code of Conduct
- 2017 SES Medical Form
- Copy of his/her medical insurance information

All documents can be completed online by completing the registration process and following the "Register Now" link at the bottom of the page. Registration will be similar to the team registration process on Team Unify websites. **\*Note to parents of applicants:** Please provide valid phone numbers where you can be reached during the week of the zone championships. It is important that all forms are filled out and all information is necessary. An incomplete/inaccurate application form may jeopardize an athlete's ability to participate in the meet.

### **Athlete Participation Fees**

For those who wish to apply for the Southeastern Swimming Age Group zone team, will need to fill out the application located on the Southeastern Swimming Zone team website ([HERE](#)). The application fee is \$30.00 to register to be considered for the team. **The \$30.00 application fee is non-refundable.**

For those who are selected to represent Southeastern Swimming at the 2017 Southern Zone Age Group Championship Meet, a payment of \$600.00 will be charged to your credit card used for the application fee once you accept the invitation.

The fee that is due at the time of application is \$30.00. The \$30.00 application fee is non-refundable. The balance of \$600.00 is due by Tuesday, July 25 at 5:00 PM Central Standard Time for those athletes who made the final team roster. The card that was used for the application fee will be charged the remaining \$600 balance. The price includes lodging, meals, team apparel (valued at over \$500.00), swim meet entry fees, team activities, charter bus, and van transportation.

If you have any questions, please contact the Age Group Chair, Blake delCarmen (bldelcarmen@ymcamontgomery.org).

### **Travel & Hotel Information**

On Sunday, July 30 the team will travel by charter bus. The first bus pickup location will be at the East Family branch YMCA in Montgomery, AL. For those coming to Montgomery, AL please be at the YMCA by 11:30 AM. The second pickup location will be in Alabaster, AL at 1:15 PM where we will eat at Full Moon BBQ. We will depart from Alabaster, AL by 2:30 PM to arrive in Tupelo, MS roughly around 5:00 PM.

For those who live in the Memphis area, you have the option of meeting the team in Tupelo, MS on Sunday, July 30. Please have them in Tupelo, MS in time for a team dinner by 6:15 PM at the Hilton Garden Inn Tupelo. **This option will only be for the Memphis area athletes.**

On Sunday, August 6 the team will depart from the Hilton Garden Inn Tupelo by charter bus on the way back to Montgomery, AL. For those parents who will be attending the meet in Tupelo, MS you have the option to take your swimmer home with you. Please just let the Age Group Chair, Blake delCarmen, know. You must sign a form releasing Southeastern Swimming of the responsibility and liability of your swimmer. The team will leave Tupelo, MS at 9:15 AM Sunday, August 6 and make its way to Alabaster, AL for an estimated arrival 12:30 PM. From Alabaster, AL the team will then finish the trip in Montgomery, AL at the East Family Branch YMCA with an estimated arrival time of 1:45 PM. If you have any questions, please email Blake delCarmen at [bldelcarmen@ymcamontgomery.org](mailto:bldelcarmen@ymcamontgomery.org)

#### **Hilton Garden Inn**

363 E. Main St, Tupelo, MS 38804  
Tel: (662)718-5500

#### **East Family Branch YMCA**

3407 Pelzer Ave. Montgomery, AL  
36109  
Tel: (334)272-3390

#### **Full Moon BBQ**

470 Colonial Promenade Pkwy  
Alabaster, AL 35007  
Tel: (205)620-4442

### **Meet Entry Information**

Coaches will make the event lineup. Entries will solely be done by each coach per age group and approved by the coaching staff. Once entries are given to swimmers, entries will not be changed. Each swimmer will be entered in events where they will score the most points for the team. Swimmers may swim no more than 6 events each.

### **Team Equipment**

The team will be supplied with Speedo competition gear. Southeastern Swimming and Speedo will try to fit swimmers with the requested equipment sizes, but sizes are not guaranteed. Swimmers will be supplied with a Speedo Bag, Jacket, three T-Shirts, two swim caps, and water bottle. A suit order form will be emailed out to all members and need to be filled out ASAP for a Speedo tech suit order through All American Swim Supply. These suits are not supplied through Southeastern Swimming. They come at a discounted price through All American Swim Supply. These suits will be shipped to Montgomery, AL by Monday, July 31. If you choose to order a suit, the order must be completed and turned into Blake delCarmen by Wednesday, July 26. Payment will be made to The YMCA of Greater Montgomery. Suits are discounted up to 25% off.

### **Swimmer Selection Process**

The Southeastern Swimming Age Group Championship team is selected using times from the Southeastern Swimming Long Course Championships and the Summer Sectional Meet only.

The team will be comprised of the following number of swimmers per age group:

11-12 Year Olds: 8 Girls and 8 Boys  
13-14 Year Olds: 8 Girls and 8 Boys  
15-18 Year Olds: 8 Girls and 8 Boys

The **top 6 spots** for 11-12 and 13-14 Age Groups and the **top 6 spots** for the 15-18 Age Group are picked using a point value system. The point value for the 14 and under events will be based on the Age Group Power Point System, calculated by Hy-Tek Meet Manager. For the 15 and over events, the point system will be based on the USA Swimming Summer Junior National Championship time standards. Any athlete who achieves a USA Swimming Summer Junior National Championship time standards will not be eligible to attend the Zone Championship Meet. Using a swimmer **best three (3) swims**, a point total is summated. **\*Note for athletes, coaches, and parents - the following events do not count towards point totals as they are not events in the zone meet: 11-12 800-meter Freestyle, 13 & Over Girls 1500-meter Freestyle, and 13 & Over Boys 800-meter Freestyle.**

Example: A 13-14 girl swims 28.13 in the 50 free, 1:01.36 in the 100 free, and 2:13.01 in the 200 free. 28.13 is worth 110 points, 1:01.36 is worth 108 points, and 2:13.01 is worth 107 points. Her three-event total would be 325 points. (These numbers are only an example; they are not a representation of the points earned for achieving the times).

If one or more of the following events is not represented by the top 6 zone qualifiers in the 11-12 and 13-14 age groups, or top 6 in the 15-18 age group, the swimmer with the fastest time in the listed zone priority events will be selected for the remaining team spots (remember that there are eight total spots in each gender of each age group). Representing an event means having the fastest time for that event from Southeasterns or Sectionals; this includes times from prelims, swim-offs, or finals, but does not include a time from a time trial swim.

11-12 age group: 50 freestyle, 50 backstroke, 50 breaststroke, 50 butterfly

13-14 & 15-18 age groups: 50 freestyle, 100 backstroke, 100 breaststroke, 100 butterfly

**For 2016, the 13-14 50 Back, 50 Breast, 50 Fly and the Senior 50 Back, 50 Breast, 50 Fly shall not be considered for any qualification purposes in determining the 2016 Southeastern Swimming Age Group Zone All Star Team.**

#### **Tiebreakers**

If there are more swimmers qualified than spots available, the zone point value of the qualifying swim will determine the swimmer that is awarded the spot. If there is still a spot remaining and all priority events are represented, the zone point value of the single best swim will determine the remaining spot. Any ties will be broken by the point value of the next fastest swim.

**\*\*\* The Zone All-Star Team will be announced Monday following the Sunday evening finals session at Long Course Southeastern Championships. The team will be announced via the Southeastern Swimming web-site ([Southeastern Swimming](#)). There will not be a team meeting following the team announcement. Instead, families will receive an e-mail notification of the swimmers selection and any pertinent team information. \*\*\***

**\*Please e-mail SES Age Group Chair with any questions: [blidelcarmen@ymcamontgomery.org](mailto:blidelcarmen@ymcamontgomery.org)**

#### **Disability Swimmer Selection Process**

Disability swimming competitors who apply for inclusion onto the Southeastern Swimming Zone Team must have each of the following criteria:

- A. Applicants must be able to be classified into one of the fifteen internationally recognized disability classifications.
- B. Applicants must be a registered member of Southeastern Swimming, Inc. for the year of the competition.
- C. Applicants must have competed in at least one (1) of the following meets within one (1) calendar year from the start of the competition: Southeastern Swimming Short Course Championships, Southeastern Swimming Long Course Championships, Southeastern Swimming District Meet (any region), or any USP Championship.
- D. Applicants must complete and return all necessary paperwork and fees to Southeastern Swimming before the stated deadline to be considered for inclusion onto the Southeastern Zone Team.
- E. Applicants must be aged eleven (11) years and not have reached their nineteenth (19) birthday on or before the first day of the Zone Meet to be eligible for selection

For the 2017 Southeastern Swimming Zone Team, no more than three (3) boys and three (3) girls shall be selected onto the team. These swimmers may represent any of the following age groups: 11-12, 13-14, or 15-18. In subsequent years, Southeastern Swimming, Inc. shall set the number of available spaces for Disability swimmers each year at LSC Meetings.

In the case of more applicants than available roster spaces, applicants shall be selected for inclusion onto the team by the following criteria: the selection shall be made using the same point value system as does the rest of the Southeastern Swimming Zone Team. Using up to, but not exceeding a swimmer's **best three (3) zone chart point scoring swims**, a total is summated. The highest sum total shall be selected for inclusion onto the Southeastern Swimming Zone Team.

- Since Short Course Meets are used in the criteria for Disability swimmers, a second point chart shall be created for Short Course Yards. This chart shall be based on the same formula used for Long Course meters and will use the same base standards for point totals (i.e. 14 & Under HyTek Power Points, and August Junior National Championship Cuts).
- Swimmer's times shall be used in the age group chart for their age on the first day of the Zone Meet. For example, if a swimmer is 12 at Districts, but will be 13 at the zone meet, that swimmer's times from Districts shall be used against the 13 & Over point chart.
- Please note that the following events do not count towards point totals as they are not events in the zone meet: 11-12 1000 yard/800-meter Freestyle, 13 & Over Girls 1650 yard/1500-meter Freestyle, and 13 & Over Boys 1000 yard/800-meter Freestyle.
- Any ties shall be broken by the highest point value of the swimmer's single best scoring event.