

How to enter a meet online using Swim Connection

Swim Connection has two websites that serve two purposes for swimmers. The first website is at www.swimconnection.com . This is what I call their "records" website. This site has an annual membership (renews every September) of about \$15. For that \$15, Swim Connection maintains all of you swimmer's times. All meets are seeded based on swimmer's times - so you need those best times for meet entries. While it is not mandatory to be a member of this part of Swim Connection - I think it is worth it to pay them the \$15 annually so that they can track times and I don't have to even think about it.

The other part of Swim Connection is the Online Meet Entry (OME) site <https://ome.swimconnection.com/> . It does not cost anything to enter meets on this site. But, you must be a member of the records site to access best times and to be able to go back and modify an existing meet entry.

So, to enter into a meet on the OME site do the following. (If you find this confusing there is a tutorial here <https://ome.swimconnection.com/help-center/features/swimmers> just click on Meet Registration to watch it. Though, the tutorial does not address one item below about kids that are entering meets and don't have existing times in certain event...I explained that bit below)

- Before you start you will need your swimmer's USA Swimming/Pacific Swim membership number. It is listed on the PacSwim card you received when you joined.
- Decide with your swimmer's coach, which events your swimmer should enter.
- First register for the online meet entries (ome) site and put in your swimmer's information (I use the same user name and password at the records site and ome site).
- Log into the site and it will take you to a tab that says "Enter Meet". On that page you will see a drop down menu that says "Swimming Association". Our swimming association is Pacific Swimming and we predominantly swim in Pacific Swimming meets. (If we are swimming outside our association, you are able to pick other associations from the drop down menu)
- Find the meet you want to enter. Click on that meet. Then click the orange "Online Meet Entry" bar
- The system will load only the events for which your swimmer is eligible to swim. It will show you both the afternoon sessions on Sat & Sun (and sometimes a meet will also have Fri evening events as well).
- If your swimmer has previously competed in any of the events he/she want to swim (and you are a member of the Swim Connection records site) you would click "Get Best Time" next to that event. If your swimmer has not competed in an event (has no previous time in that event) then enter NT (for no time) in the "Entry Time" box. If you are not signed up for Swim Connections Records site – but have seed times for your swimmer, you may enter those in the "Entry Time" box.
- Then just click save and your registration will be ready for the payment process. Proceed thru the payment process to complete the meet entry.

You will get two emails from Swim Connection. One is for billing and one is an event summary (print the meet summary and bring it to the meet). Swim Connection will send a summary of your swimmer's entries to your coach as well.