MEET ENTRIES - IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE COACHES

Please help the coaches, your swimmer(s), and the entire BTC Swim Team family by carefully reading the following information about how the swim meet entries work and the essential role the swim team families play in preparing for the meets.

This is what coaches have for the 2019 Projected Meet Attendance based on the swimmer info forms <u>http://bit.ly/2019BTCSwimProjMeetAttend</u>

If summer plans have changed and your swimmer is either able or unable to participate in a swim meet vs. what is listed on this chart, please let Coach Marisa know ASAP.

- □ If more than 48 hours before a meet, STRONGLY PREFERRED NOTIFICATION TIMING, please email Coach Marisa <u>marisa.mulligan@gmail.com</u>
- □ If fewer than 48 hours before a meet, please text Coach Marisa 610.952.8060

Meet Entry Process:

- 48 hours before each swim meet, the coaches need to finalize the list of ALL the swimmers participating in a meet so they can decide who to enter in what events and how to make up the relay teams.
- □ The coaches then enter all the swimmers into a Meet Manager Platform.
- □ Meet entries are finalized by 11am the day of the meet.
- When the list of swimmers entered into the Meet Manager Platform matches who attends and participates, the coaches can focus on helping each swimmer have a great meet.
- □ When the list of swimmers entered into the Meet Manager Platform does not match who shows up ...
 - → e.g. If a swimmer shows up to a meet when the coaches were not aware the swimmer was going to participate, this will cause a lot of scrambling - the coaches would obviously prefer to focus on the swimmers and not have to redo meet entries at the last minute.
 - → e.g. If a swimmer was expected to attend a meet, but does not show up and no prior notice was provided, this will compromise the lane seedings for the meet and might prevent a relay team from being able to compete, which might cause some tears.
- □ If a swimmer isn't entered into the Meet Manage Platform, the swimmer will not be on the results sheet. For swimmers trying to qualify for the Vermont State Championship and without results already in the system, the coaches will have to do extra work, which takes energy and focus away from coaching the swimmers.

The coaches REALLY need your cooperation with proactive communication about any changes in meet attendance - thank you!