

Swim and Water Polo Travel Meet Fee Policy 2015/2016

Travel meets requiring overnight stays serve our club as both incentive and opportunity to experience the challenge and fun of a different competitive environment. For some, it is a proving ground against regional or national talent, for others, a great opportunity to have a blast in a different city with their teammates. These travel meets have become a bigger part of our meets schedule over the past few years.

As a club, we budget to include some of our coach travel expenses, but also realize every athlete does not travel to every meet.

Given this, the Lyons Board has decided to assign travel meet fees on a per (traveling) swimmer basis to equitably support the coach overnight travel expenses (mileage, hotel, meals, airfare, etc.). Our objective is to balance a commitment to support travel meets with quality coaching with fairness to swimmers who do not participate in overnight travel meets.

With various travel meets requiring different levels of coaching assistance, we have structured our 'travel meet fees' based on both coach role for the meet (managing vs chaperoning) and the number of swimmers attending the meet.

- For travel meets in which parents are integral and provide all accommodations for athletes and our coaches travel to only manage and coach our swimmers at the pool for a specific meet, we will charge \$20.00 per swimmer. Examples include: Fishers, Circle City Classic – Indy, Age Group State in WI
- For travel meets in which our coaches travel at a higher cost, act as a partial chaperone, manage transportation, and / or provide assistance in keeping our athletes fed, we charge \$50.00 per swimmer. Examples include: Iowa, NASA, Clearwater, FL
- Elite meets (Jr Nationals / Grand Prix) in which parents are often not part of the travel arrangements, our coaches are fully responsible for the safety, local transportation, and some feeding of athletes, we charge as per the expenses needed by coaches - often \$200.00 range per athlete -dependent upon number of athletes and coaches needed.
- Water polo travel to CA / FL tournaments require club coach travel expenses and are scheduled at \$100.00 / athlete.

We have and will continue to manage the coaches travel expenses for meets very closely. This will take effect for all 2015-2016 travel meets requiring overnight travel for Lyons Coaches.

Lyons Aquatics Board