



JOHNS CREEK AQUATIC TEAM (JCAT) MEMO

TO: Johns Creek Swim Team Coaches and Reps
FROM: Sunnie McWalters, Recreation Program Coordinator
CC: Kirk Franz, Recreation Manager
DATE: April 1, 2019
RE: **2019 Johns Creek Aquatic Team/GRPA State Swim Team**



The City of Johns Creek Recreation and Parks Division (JCRPD) would like to invite your swim team to be a part of the 2019 Johns Creek Aquatic Team (JCAT)/GRPA State Swim Team! This “all-star” swim team will represent the City of Johns Creek and compete in the Georgia Recreation & Parks Association (GRPA) State Swim Meet on July 19 and 20 at the **Cherokee County Aquatic Center**.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The 2019 team shall be comprised of swimmers, ages 7-18 (as of June 1, 2019), who meet one of the following criteria AND qualifies at the ASA Championship Meet:

- 1) Swimmer is a resident of the City of Johns Creek who participates on any team inside or outside of the city limits.
- 2) Swimmer is not a resident of the City of Johns Creek, as long as the swimmer resides within Fulton County, who goes to school within the city limits.
- 3) Swimmer is a member of a swim team (during the season - min 60 days) that is based within the city limits of Johns Creek, including residents and non-residents of the City of Johns Creek, as long as the swimmer resides within Fulton County. Teams within the city limits include: Atlanta Athletic Club, Cambridge, Chartwell, CC of The South, Doublegate, Falls of Autry Mill, Foxdale Reserve, Glastonberry, Haynes Landing, Highland Park, Hillbrooke, Lifetime Fitness – Johns Creek, Mayfair/St. Clair, Medlock Bridge, Oxford Mill, Seven Oaks, Shakerag, St. Ives, Sugar Mill, Wellington and Windermere.

Note: Eligibility involving non-residents who are not an integral part of the City of Johns Creek program shall be determined by the Recreation & Park Manager.

HOW DOES A SWIMMER DECLARE ELIGIBILITY FOR JCAT?

Eligible swimmers who are interested in qualifying for a spot on JCAT **MUST** indicate their intent by placing **JC6** in front of their **first** name when submitting their entry form for the ASA League Championship Meet. This will allow staff to determine eligible swimmers on meet day. *****Only times from the ASA Championship Meet on June 27 will be used to qualify swimmers for the JCAT.***

HOW ARE JCAT SWIMMERS SELECTED?

Only swimmers 7 years of age and up are eligible to qualify for Johns Creek Aquatic Team. The top 3 designated finishers in each event that showed intent to swim for the JCAT by placing a JC6 in front of their first name at the ASA Championship Meet will qualify for the Johns Creek Aquatic Team. In addition, up to 12 of the top freestyle finishers in each age group that showed intent will qualify to swim freestyle relays for Johns Creek Aquatic Team.

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NOTE:

- Three Individual Events – competitors can potentially be entered into a max of THREE individual events and two relays events (2018 rule change).
- Mixed Gender Relay – this will give an opportunity for age groups that don't have enough swimmers to fill a same gender relay, to team together for a mixed gender relay. All swimmers can still only participate in 2 relay events but now those could be either mixed or same gender.
- The INDIVIDUAL event(s) your child swims at the ASA Championship Meet at GA Tech, if qualified for the JCAT, would be the same INDIVIDUAL event(s) your child would swim at the GRPA State Swim Meet. *This is a GRPA State Swim Rule
- Suggestion, not requirement! To maximize the amount of events your child could possibly swim at the GRPA State Swim Meet (if you qualify for the JCAT), would be to have your child swim an exhibition 3rd event at the ASA Championship Meet, along with 2 other individual events. We can now take any stroke for your exhibition 3rd event. That could be the Short Free if they're not already swimming that as their 2 individual events to have a time for the JCAT Free Relay team or an additional individual event.

JCAT REGISTRATION FOR QUALIFIED SWIMMERS

Swimmers who qualify will be required to commit and finalize register for the JCAT on the day of the qualifying meet (**June 27**). At the time of registration, JCRPD must receive a program **registration/release form** (if not already pre-registered), a copy of the swimmer's **birth certificate** (if not already on file), and **payment** for team fees. Team fees include state meet entry fees, a t-shirt, a swim cap, coaching and pool rental. Non-residents of Johns Creek will be required to pay a 50% non-resident fee.

JCAT FEES: Resident: \$60 / Non-Resident: \$90

Fees are only collected day of qualifying meet (June 27) by those swimmers who have qualified. At that time, credit card forms will be available or checks can be made out to the *City of Johns Creek*.

REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

1. We **highly recommend** everyone to pre-register for the team on our online [registration](#) page. **Note:** we will only be "approving" pre-registration from qualified swimmers.
2. Paper registration forms will be available on site at the qualifying meet if needed.

Swimmers will be financially responsible for any scratch fees incurred for failure to show up at their scheduled state event(s). Swimmers are also financially responsible for travel expenses to & from the State Meet (lodging, transportation, meals, etc.)

Listed below are some important dates as they pertain to JCAT:

- **June 21** – Friday, June 21 at 1pm is the deadline for team entries (intent to qualify – JC6) to be submitted to Atlanta Swim Association (ASA) for the League Championship Meet at GA Tech.
- **June 21** – Deadline for birth certificates to be submitted to JCRPD by swimmers trying to qualify for JCAT (if not already on file). Please email to Sunnie.McWalters@JohnsCreekGA.gov.
- **June 27** - ASA League Championship Meet at Georgia Tech / JCAT Qualifier Meet.
- **July 8 to 18** – JCAT practices are held at **The Falls of Autry Mill Pool** Monday – Friday ONLY. 10&Under Practice 8:30am-9:30am. 11&Older Practice 9:30am-10:30am.
- **July 19 (10&Under) & July 20 (11&Older)** - GRPA State Championship Swim Meet at Cherokee County Aquatic Center.

We hope that you will consider qualifying for the City of Johns Creek State Swim Team!

Questions? Contact Sunnie McWalters at 678-512-3256 or Sunnie.McWalters@JohnsCreekGA.gov.

Please feel free to share this information with anyone who might be interested!

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