



# Team Hawaii 2008

## Western Zone Championship Packet & FAQ's

Mt. Hood Community College, Gresham, Oregon  
August 5 – 9, 2008

***For meet information and forms, please visit the Hawaiian Swimming website [www.hawaiianswimming.org](http://www.hawaiianswimming.org) or ask your Coach and Club Athletes Representative .***

- Western Zone Championship Packet and FAQ's
- Western Zone Championship Qualifying Times
- Western Zone Meet Notice (*not available at this time*)
- Swimmers Application Forms (*Qualifiers & Near Qualifiers*)
- Coaches' Application Forms
- Chaperone Application Forms
- Officials' Application Forms (*please inform Marcelle Arakaki if you submit an application*)

**ZONE QUALIFIERS:** *Must achieve at least one zone time (LCM, SCY or SCM) from August 7, 2007 to May 23, 2008 .*

- \$200 non-refundable deposit with swimmer's application due by **May 23, 2008**
- The balance of \$1175 is due by June 15, 2008
- Swimmers meeting Team Hawaii at the hotel have a balance of \$570.

**NOTE: NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 23, 2008.**

**NEAR QUALIFIERS:** *Swimmers close to achieving a Western Zone time & expect to qualify and participate in the 2008 Western Zone Championship.*

- Submit a \$50 non-refundable deposit with swimmer's application due by **May 23, 2008.**
- Swimmers will have until June 15, 2008 to obtain at least one zone time in LCM, SCY or SCM.
- The balance of \$1325 will be due by June 15, 2008.
- Swimmers meeting Team Hawaii at the hotel have a balance of \$720

**Cost of Trip \$1375 includes:**

- Airfare, ground transportation, food, lodging, zone banquet and fun day activity.
- The Hawaiian Swimming LSC provides swimmers with a Team Hawaii uniform package (competition suit, cap, t-shirts, aloha shirt and shorts), and pays Western Zones meet entry fees.
- Price is subject to change if the number of participants impacts the individual swimmer's cost.
- Neighbor Island Team Hawaii members will be provided inter-island travel to Oahu.

***Make checks payable to: HAWAIIAN SWIMMING***

**Individual Swim Entry Form** (*submit to Fred Tester by July 11, 2008*)

**Travel Subsidy up to \$300 from Hawaiian Swimming** (*submit to Lynne Nakamura by Aug. 31, 2008*)

- Submit the Travel Subsidy Request Form, IRS W-9 form (use swimmer's SSN), and a copy of the swimmers USA Swimming Registration Card (ID)
- Swimmers traveling separate from Team Hawaii must submit a copy of their itinerary to the Hawaiian Swimming Treasurer showing proof that travel originated in Hawaii.
- Eligibility requirements are stated on the subsidy request form. Failure to complete the Subsidy Request Form by the required date including all registration information to the Hawaiian Swimming Treasurer may reject your request for subsidy.

**General Information:**

- Team Hawaii will depart from Honolulu on August 2, 2008 and return on August 11, 2008.
- The following is a **proposed travel itinerary**. Actual times will be provided when final travel and accommodations for the trip are complete.

**August 2** (Saturday)

11:00a Check-in at Honolulu Airport (Oahu swimmers)

***(Neighbor Island Team Hawaii members will be provided inter-island travel to Oahu. All baggage should be booked through to Portland International Airport (PDX). Swimmers will meet at the designated terminal)***

1:25p Depart Honolulu, **Hawaiian #26**, arrive in Portland 9:45p  
Check-in at hotel, dinner

**August 3** (Sunday)

Breakfast at hotel, activity, lunch

Swimmers meeting Team Hawaii at the hotel, meet in the lobby at designated time

Swim practice, dinner

**August 4** (Monday)

Breakfast at hotel

Swim practice, Lunch Team Picture, swim practice

Dinner

**August 5 – 9** (Tuesday – Saturday) SWIMMING COMPETITION

Breakfast at hotel

Prelim warm-up (6:30a – 7:30a)

Prelim starts

Lunch, return to hotel

Finals warm-up

Finals start

Dinner at pool/hotel (Tuesday – Friday)

Saturday ---Zone Banquet after conclusion of finals

**August 10** (Sunday) – Team Activity

Breakfast at hotel

White Water Rafting at Salmon River, lunch

Dinner

**August 11** (Monday)

Breakfast at hotel, bus to airport

Check-in at airport (Swimmers returning to neighbor islands should check bags to final destination).

8:45a Depart Portland, **Hawaiian #25**, arrive in Honolulu 11:20a

***(Team Hawaii members flying back to their respective neighbor Islands should check their bags through to their respective finals destination. Designated chaperones / team leaders will accompany team members to the inter-island gates and provide assistance if necessary).***

**QUESTIONS:**

**Team Hawaii Administrator:** Pat Takeshita - [takeshitr003@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:takeshitr003@hawaii.rr.com) (808) 677-0990 (Oahu)



# WESTERN ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP FAQ'S

## What is the Western Zone Championship?

The Western Zone Championship is the only age group meet that is sponsored by the Hawaiian Swimming Local Swimming Committee (Hawaiian Swimming LSC) that is composed as an All-Star group and swims under Team Hawaii. The meet will be held August 5 – 9, 2008 at the Mt. Hood Community College, Gresham, Oregon. Team Hawaii will depart to the meet on August 2nd and return to Hawaii on August 11th.

## How do I qualify to be part of Team Hawaii?

Swimmers must meet or exceed a 2008 Western Zone Championship event qualifying time(s). The qualification time(s) must be made on or after August 7, 2007. Times used to qualify include USA Swimming sanctioned and approved meets, reported time from approved observed swims at the 2007 Hawaii High School Athletic Association (HHSAA) State Championship meet, approved observed swims at the respective league championship events or at last year's Western Zone Championship. All meet results used must be updated in the SWIMS database. The deadline for qualifying is June 15, 2008 (Hawaiian Swimming Age Group Long Course State Swimming Championship).

**NOTE: Swimmers may only enter this meet through Hawaiian Swimming as a member of Team Hawaii.**

- Any swimmer who within the 18 months prior to the start of the meet has participated in one (1) individual event at a USA Swimming Championships as defined in Article 207 of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, excluding Disability Championships and Open Water Championships, may not compete in that event or the related relay leg.
- *Any swimmer who within the 18 months prior to the start of the meet has participated in two (2) or more individual events at a USA Swimming Championships as defined in Article 207 of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, excluding Disability Championships and Open Water Championships, may not compete in the meet.*

**Note: According to the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations USA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS refers to USA Swimming National Championships, Trials class meets, U.S. Open Championships, Open Water Championships, and USA Swimming Disability Championships – participation in the Open Water Championships, and USA Swimming Disability Championships does not impact the eligibility of swimmers participating in the Western Zone Championship.**

- ***If there is less than four swimmers qualified in an age group Team Hawaii's Head Coach may select a swimmer(s) to join Team Hawaii to swim on the "A" relay for each respective age and gender group. Selection will be based on the fastest times and "best" contribution the Team Hawaii relays and approved by the Team Hawaii Committee.***
- ***All Team Hawaii members will be allowed to splash events that meet the minimum requirements equal to the Hawaiian Swimming State Qualifying time(s) in their respective event and age group.***

## How do I receive the zone packet?

Every registered Hawaiian Swimming LSC Team/Association delegate will be sent a Team Hawaii Western Zone packet. The packet contains the applications for Swimmers, Coaches and Chaperones. The application packets will also be available on the Hawaiian Swimming web site [www.hawaiianswimming.org](http://www.hawaiianswimming.org) Please ask your coach, LSC team representative, or Club Athletes Representative for a copy or access a copy from the website. The packet contains a lot of information; please read it thoroughly.

### **What are the Travel Requirements for Team Hawaii Attending the Western Zone Championship?**

All Team Hawaii athletes, chaperones, and coaches will be required to stay with the team throughout the trip. Team Hawaii encourages all members of Team Hawaii to travel together since it is an important part of the team building process and an excellent time for coaches, chaperones, and athletes to get acquainted. However, swimmers are allowed to make different air travel arrangements. Swimmers will be responsible for all additional travel cost associated while not traveling with Team Hawaii. **NOTE: Athletes planning to join the team in Gresham, Oregon are required to meet Team Hawaii in the hotel lobby at the designated time. The Team Coordinator or Head Coach may change the meeting place and time.** Swimmers will be required to stay and follow all requirements of Team Hawaii. No one will be allowed to separate from Team Hawaii until after the conclusion of the meet on Saturday, August 9, 2008. Swimmers may be released to their parents, legal guardians, or designated adult with a written request received by July 15, 2008. Please read the Athlete Code of Conduct found with the Swimmers application. We encourage parents attending the Western Zone Championship to cheer for all Team Hawaii swimmers and would appreciate if they would volunteer as officials/timers. For the swimmers, representing Hawaii is a great honor, privilege, and exciting experience and along with this comes the responsibility to be an active part of Team Hawaii.

### **How and What Events Can Swimmers Enter?**

The Swimmers will be required to complete and submit the Team Hawaii - Western Zone 2008 Individual Swim Entry Form to the LSC Times Administrator by July 11, 2008. The entry form **must be** approved and signed by the swimmer's respective team Head Coach to insure the swimmer has met the time requirements and will be properly prepared to swim their events. The signed entry form will include qualified times and appropriate splash events. Splash events are events where swimmers have not met the Western Zone qualifying time but have met the Hawaiian Swimming state qualifying time. Total maximum number of events any swimmer may enter is six (6) individual events. All splash events will be entered unless Team Hawaii exceeds the maximum 160 events. Also, any splashes for individual events 400 meters or more will be limited to one entry per age group per gender. Team Hawaii swimmers splashing individual events 400 meters and above will be selected based on the fastest times as of July 6, 2008. If Team Hawaii exceeds the maximum entries allowed, swimmers will be entered in events based on qualify times. Team Hawaii anticipates that ALL swimmers will be able to swim the events they qualify to swim. Events for each swimmer **MUST** obtain written approval by the swimmer's respective team Head Coach to insure the swimmer will be properly prepared to swim their events. **NOTE: Individual Entry form is due July 11, 2008 and must be signed by your teams Head Coach.**

### **May a swimmer wear a suit other than the one provided by Hawaiian Swimming?**

Team Hawaii swimmers are encouraged to compete in their team suit, especially since a suit is provided. However, if the swimmer wishes to use another suit type for "comfort" or a higher technically designed suit during the meet, the swimmer must obtain the suit with the manufactures color (black) with minimal deviations from the Team Hawaii Suit. Any cost related acquiring the suit will be the responsibility of the individual swimmer. **\*\*Any questions or concerns should be directed to the Team Coordinator.**

### **Does Hawaiian Swimming provide any financial assistance for swimmers attending the Western Zone Championship?**

Yes. You may submit a written request for a travel subsidy from Hawaiian Swimming. The subsidy request form is available on the [www.hawaiianswimming.org](http://www.hawaiianswimming.org) website. The Hawaiian Swimming Western Zone subsidy awarded will be up to \$300 for each swimmer who meets the qualifications. Submittal of the subsidy forms are the swimmers/parents responsibility to

complete and should be submitted **immediately after** the conclusion of the meet and sent in to the LSC treasurer (address on the form). Request for subsidy must include a completed application, copy of the swimmers Hawaiian Swimming/USA Swimming registration ID, and completed IRS W-9 form. Subsidies will not be sent out until after the meet and confirmation of participation is confirmed with the LSC Treasurer.

#### **How are Team Hawaii Coaches Selected?**

Coaches desiring to be a member of the Team Hawaii coaching staff are required to be a current registered Hawaiian Swimming LSC coach with a minimum 2 years coaching experience with a registered USA Swimming team. All applications must be submitted by **May 23, 2008**. All coach applicants will be reviewed and selected by the Team Hawaii committee. Coaches will be selected based on their coaching experiences, evaluation to motivate age group swimmers, and ability to work with other coaches on an All-Star team. Coaches are asked to copy of the Team Hawaii Coaches application that is available at [www.hawaiianswimming.org](http://www.hawaiianswimming.org). The application identifies the duties and expectations of the Team Hawaii coach.

#### **How are Team Hawaii Chaperones Selected?**

Anyone desiring to be a Team Hawaii chaperone is required to be a registered Hawaiian Swimming LSC registered non-athlete and submit a complete Team Hawaii application by **May 23, 2008**. Chaperone application will be reviewed and selected by the Team Hawaii committee. If you are interested, a copy of the Team Hawaii Chaperone application is available at [www.hawaiianswimming.org](http://www.hawaiianswimming.org). The application identifies the duties and expectations of the Team Hawaii chaperone.

#### **What is the after meet activity on Sunday?**

The activity selected will be selected to conclude one of Hawaiian Swimming's most memorable events. The event will be announced after the committee has researched activities available.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

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