

Masters Swimming Manitoba Survey of Interest in Swim Meets

What prompted you to enter our swimming meets (Pop Sidwell, Provincials, Pentathlon, etc) in the first place?

- Answered: 23
- Skipped: 11

Answer Choices	Responses
to challenge yourself	82.61% 19
to compete against other swimmers	17.39% 4
to make your coach happy (happier)	0% 0
as a dare	0% 0
Total	23

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I've never done a meet

10/29/2013 9:59 AM

Encouraged by teammates

10/27/2013 7:16 PM .

haven't entered

10/27/2013 9:34 AM .

I have only entered once, as I just don't have the time to do so

10/27/2013 8:45 AM .

to socialize

10/26/2013 2:33 PM .

have not entered a masters' swim meet

10/14/2013 12:05 PM .

To support my swim club

10/4/2013 9:18 PM .

To compete with fellow members

10/4/2013 6:09 PM .

i dont attend the meets, just practice.

10/4/2013 9:13 AM .

My Mum made me enter in the early years and later I participated because there are so many happy people to socialize with during the meet and at the banquets afterwards

10/2/2013 1:46 PM .

If you have never entered a masters swim meet, why not?

- Answered: 8
- Skipped: 26

Answer Choices	Responses
I'm too shy	12.50% 1
It's too expensive	25% 2
I haven't had training in using starting blocks	12.50% 1
I'm too busy on weekends	50% 4
Total	8

Comments(11)

I have entered master swim meets in the past.

10/29/2013 11:59 PM .

I compete other sports and just want to enjoy swimming without competition

10/29/2013 9:59 AM .

Procrastination

10/28/2013 2:39 PM .

Though team mates say it's to compete against self there was a "bullying" quality to participation: Laughing at first timers.

10/27/2013 7:16 PM .

hasn't been a priority for me and I've had conflicting commitments

10/27/2013 9:34 AM .

not competitive

10/26/2013 2:00 PM .

I'm no longer interested in competing in meets

10/14/2013 12:05 PM .

not interested.

10/4/2013 9:13 AM .

entered previous meets

10/3/2013 5:45 PM .

Understanding why people join a swim club would better answer why meet participation is not a priority for many. Cost and time are both issues as well as not wanting to finish so far behind the winners. We have elite swimmers, who are very social, gracious, accommodating etc. but are so fast that the non competitive level people can feel out of place because of the speed ability. Many of these top swimmers are very interesting and welcoming and I would never want them to be discouraged from participating as they are a source of inspiration, coaching and organizational skills that are necessary for our survival.

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This was my answer before entering one.

9/19/2013 1:57 PM .

If you had previously entered our meets but have not done so in the past few years, what is the reason?

- Answered: 10
- Skipped: 24

Answer Choices	Responses
I'm slowing down.	20% 2
I don't feel competitive any more.	20% 2
It's becoming too expensive.	30% 3
I'm too busy with family.	30% 3
Total	10

Comments(14)

Because I volunteer at master swim meets.

10/29/2013 11:59 PM .

not applicable

10/29/2013 9:59 AM .

still compete

10/28/2013 2:51 PM .

I get too nervous about competing

10/28/2013 5:24 AM .

Learned to swim as adult and felt extreme competitiveness from club members. It's not just about participating!

10/27/2013 7:16 PM .

haven't entered

10/27/2013 9:34 AM .

Too inconsistent with fitness & speed.

10/26/2013 6:36 PM .

Health

10/4/2013 6:09 PM .

not interested

10/4/2013 9:13 AM .

entered meets last year

10/3/2013 5:45 PM .

Injury but coming back this year.

10/3/2013 10:58 AM .

busy with other things

10/2/2013 4:21 PM .

last time I entered I NEVER GOT MY RESULTS DESPITE REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO GET THEM, SO I NEVER ENTERED AGAIN

10/2/2013 2:10 PM .

health issues, have had to stay out of the water, the provincial meet is in late April, my busiest time for work - early May or mid march would suit me better

10/2/2013 1:46 PM .

What can we do to encourage more members to enter?

- Answered: 23
- Skipped: 11

Answer Choices	Responses
Emphasize training for competitions.	47.83% 11
Lower the entry fee.	13.04% 3
Make it a membership obligation to swim in at least one event.	8.70% 2
Offer more relay events as an entry point to competition	56.52% 13

Total Respondents: 23

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Offer some kind of a nominal prize for the winning reley team, offer random "bell" prizes

10/29/2013 11:59 PM .

If you make it a club obligation, I might actually switch clubs

10/29/2013 9:59 AM .

Don't post "nasty" photos of false starts without permission!

10/27/2013 7:16 PM .

Hold it during regular swim time (I recognize that may be logistically difficult). I've committed the time to come out anyway, so I'd be more likely to sign up.

10/27/2013 9:34 AM .

continue to encourage members to get involved in officiating as a starting point if they do not feel comfortable in 'racing'. Taking the emphasis away from competition and onto self evaluation on their own training also helps. we used to do timed swims during practice as a means of this too.

10/26/2013 10:14 PM .

offer more encouragement to 'newbies' who may not be knowledgeable about what to expect in a meet

10/26/2013 2:11 PM .

Lower membership fees if you enter more than one meet

10/4/2013 6:09 PM .

wrong person to ask.

10/4/2013 9:13 AM .

Better promotion from the clubs about the events, well in advance

10/3/2013 1:33 PM .

More marketing and discussion around the event, get the tri-athletes involved,

10/3/2013 10:58 AM .

I DO NOT WANT TO ENTER IF I DO NOT GET MY RESULTS

10/2/2013 2:10 PM .

make the meets appear to be more about fun and meeting other interesting people and promote the after meet social activities and allow people to swim in more events at the pentathlon - the current restriction could limit the total race distance for some to 500 meters, much less than the average practice.

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Hold mock competitions at swim practice.

9/19/2013 1:57 PM .

free beer

9/19/2013 12:24 PM .

What are your feelings about emphasis on competition in our meets?

- Answered: 29
- Skipped: 5

Answer Choices –	Responses –
Too much	3.45% 1
Too little	3.45% 1
Just enough	86.21% 25
Not applicable (who cares?)	6.90% 2
Total	29

Comments(5)

Actually it is self imposed, I do not feel pressured to perform by anyone.

10/29/2013 11:59 PM .

don't know

10/14/2013 12:05 PM .

People pick their own level of competing. I think we just need to encourage people, help them get ready and make it fun

10/3/2013 10:58 AM .

HOW IS IT A COMPETION IF I DON'T GET THE RESULTS, IT IS JUST SWIMMING A FEW LENGTHS

10/2/2013 2:10 PM .

Tough question as the reasons for entering vary widely from participating because of the social envirement to wanting to impress others by setting records

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What would the effect of including 'fun events' have on your probability of entering our swim meets?

- Answered: 28
- Skipped: 6

Answer Choices	Responses
I'd be more enthusiastic.	21.43% 6
I wouldn't like it.	3.57% 1
It depends on what kind of 'fun event'	67.86% 19
Who wants to have fun, I'm here to swim.	7.14% 2
Total	28

Comments(9)

It wouldn't change my opinion towards not wanting to compete

10/29/2013 9:59 AM .

probably wouldn't make much difference for me. swimming is fun

10/27/2013 9:34 AM .

I still would not have time with a young family, and dance and groceries and homework, cleaning the house.....

10/27/2013 8:45 AM .

we use to have relays for this purpose not necessarily "fun" event as I think it still needs to have competition emphasis.

10/26/2013 10:14 PM .

i like the meets either way.

10/3/2013 5:45 PM .

Doesn't matter to me, I enjoy the swim and conversations

10/3/2013 1:33 PM .

I think it's a good idea.

10/3/2013 10:58 AM .

I DID ENJOY COMPEATING AND WORKING TOWARDS A COMPETION, AT THE EXPENSE OF SOUNDING LIKE A BROKEN RECORD I AM PISSED OFF AT COMPETING AND NOT GETTING THE RESULTS AFTER CONTACTING MANY PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE MEET WITH NOT SUCCESS

10/2/2013 2:10 PM .

For many, the commitment of time for attendance at at meet is at the expense of family time and for many of us, as much as we love the meets and banquets, family time is the priority

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