



Pod Wire

Championship Meet Special Edition
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“CHAMPS” – an explanation

So you want to know what Champs is and how it works? Well, here goes...

“Champs” is short for “Championship Meet”, and it’s the meet where **all** of the teams in our league swim against each other **at the same time**. We often hold this meet at the UT Swim Center, because this facility allows us to use two pools simultaneously, making the meet a LOT shorter than it would be otherwise. The swim center is different from our other meet locations, for a number of reasons:

- 1) It’s **indoors**
- 2) The kids are down on the deck with the age group parents, and everyone else who’s not working is up in the bleachers (not within speaking distance of the kids)
- 3) There are electronic touch pads at the end of each lane, as well as human timers for back-up, in case a swimmer doesn’t touch the pad.
- 4) There are electronic scoreboards above each pool...your child’s name will be up there in lights (along with his/her time)!
- 5) There’s a snack bar that actually sells real food (smoothies, sandwiches, snacks, etc.)

Most everything works like it did in the other meets...it’s just a bit more high tech!

ARRIVAL TIME AT U.T.: 8:45 a.m.
ORCA WARM-UPS: 9:15-9:45 a.m.
MEET START TIME: 10:15 a.m.
MEET END TIME: between 2 and 4 p.m.

- ### PARENT CHECK LIST
- Cameras (NO flash allowed!)**
 - Heat Sheet (don’t forget to print them out at home!!)**
 - Sharpie pen for swimmer mark-up
 - Money to buy food & drink
 - Zen attitude

- ### SWIMMER CHECK LIST
- Goggles & Team swimsuit**
 - Team shirt and cap**
 - Sweatshirt or warm-up suit (it can get chilly in there!)
 - Towels for drying off
 - Books, puzzles, cards, games or other things to do

This pool will be divided into two, with boys swimming in one pool and girls in the other



For maps and parking information, please visit the U.T. Swim Center website:
<http://www.tsc.utexas.edu/parking/>



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