



JACKSON HOLE STINGRAYS WAITING LIST POLICY

The Jackson Hole Stingray swim team negotiates with the Teton County Recreation Center for lane usage to run our USA Swim team. Unfortunately, pool availability limits the total number of swimmers on the team at any given time. Thus, the JH Stingrays maintain a waitlist for swimmers who wish to join the team. The waitlist can be accessed from the home page of our website: jhstingrays.com.

Swimmers for try outs are selected from the waitlist at the start of each of the fall (Sept. – Nov.), winter (Dec. – February), and spring (April – June) sessions depending on available spots (summer session is limited to current swim team members training for the state tournament and no new swimmers are added during this session). Potential swimmers on the waitlist are assigned points and swimmers are selected in order of points, with the swimmers with the highest number of points given priority to try out for the team. If multiple swimmers have the same number of points, the swimmer who has been on the wait list the longest will be given priority.

Points are awarded as follows:

1. Each session (fall, winter, spring) that the swimmer has been on the waitlist = 1 point per session.
2. Sibling of current JH Stingray team member = 1 point.
3. Previously swam for the JH Stingrays or another USA Swimming team = 1 point
4. Ten years old or older = 1 point
5. Underrepresented demographic = 1 point

Note that being invited to try out does not mean that the swimmer will ultimately be offered a spot on the team. The number of spots in various levels varies by session, and placement is dependent on availability in the swim group matching the swimmer's ability. For example, if spots are available only in Level 2, and your swimmer is only qualified to join Level 1, you may be asked to defer until the next spot opens in Level 1. Your swimmer will remain on the waitlist and will have priority for the first spot that opens in the appropriate level.

If your swimmer is offered a spot on the team after a try out and decides not to take it, you can defer until the next session (fall, winter, spring). The currently open spot will be offered to the next



qualified swimmer on the waitlist. If a spot then becomes available in the next session, and your swimmer chooses for a second time not to swim, your swimmer will be placed at the bottom of the waitlist and begin accruing points anew.

The JH Stingrays will adhere to this policy to the maximum extent practicable. Exceptions, while rare, may occur in consultation with the coaching staff. In particular, there may be instances when older experienced swimmers (middle school/high school) are invited to join Level 3, 4, or 5 regardless of the waitlist.

For questions, please contact jhstingrayboard@gmail.com

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