

Lindsborg Wavemakers 2025

Wavemakers Mission Statement-

"To provide a healthy atmosphere that inspires swimmers to achieve their maximum potential through strong work ethic, discipline, self-motivation and teamwork."

Wavemakers Vision Statement-

"To develop team unity where every swimmer encourages and takes pride in themselves and each other at all levels of competition."

We are members of the Mid Kansas Swim League. There are 9 teams in the league this summer representing Abilene, Council Grove, Herington, Hesston, Hillsboro, Lindsborg, Marion, Peabody, and Solomon. Newton may join our league next year, but this year, they will be attending a few meets.

Team suits are encouraged. To order, go to swimoutlet.com and search:

- Molecule Thin Strap One Piece Swimsuit(womens/girls)
- Molecule Piped Splice Jammer Swimsuit (there are youth and adult separately)
- Color- navy/gold
- If these suits do not come in your size or you are wanting thicker straps, etc., please do your best to get a suit that is primary gold and/or navy

If you do not get the team suit, please get a navy suit, if possible.

Swimmers will be assigned to practice lanes according to their swimming skill level and swim goals. Coaches may move swimmers to a different group as his/her swimming skills change. Please remind your swimmers that lanes can change and to not be upset if they are with younger or older swimmers, we must group swimmers according to ability to ensure safety and productivity.

Scheduling conflicts will occur throughout the season. To avoid missing practice, feel free to send your swimmer(s) to whichever practice will work with your schedule if they have passed out of Puddle Jumpers.

For the first eight practices, (if practice is canceled, it will not count) we will have a group, called **Puddle Jumpers**, coming at the latter practice for swimmers who are not able to cross the width of the pool (25 yards) using a competitive stroke without stopping. After those practices, the coaches will assess your child to see if they are ready for the swim team. If we feel your child is not ready for the swim team we will let you know. We will encourage those swimmers to join Parks & Rec Swim Lessons and hope to see them back next year. There are no refunds for swim team fees.

SWIM TEAM IS NOT TO TAKE THE PLACE OF SWIM LESSONS.

Swim Team Practice Schedule:

- **May 27- June 6 @ 10:00 or 11:00**
- **June 9-June 27 @ 8:00 or 9:00**
- **League Swimmers Only June 30-July 4 @ 8:00 or 9:00**
- Puddle Jumpers as well as new and younger swimmers will come at the second time
- We do not practice on the weekends

COACHES:

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TEAM RULES:

1. Wait to enter the water until instructed to do so by a coach. When you hear a whistle, leave the water immediately.
2. Attend practice daily. Arrive 10-15 minutes before practice to stretch and listen to announcements. **You may be asked to put in and/or take out lane ropes and blocks. Be prepared to help!**
3. Do your best at all practices. If the temperature is too cold (generally, less than 70°F) or stormy, we will not have practice. Parents, please use your own judgment concerning inclement weather. If you think it's too cold, etc., please do not send your swimmer(s) to practice. When the water is cold, some children refuse to stay in the water. They will be encouraged, but NOT forced to swim in cold water. If practice is questionable, please check the Rainout App through the Rec Department. That is where cancellations will be posted.
4. Wear required swim caps and goggles at meets and practices.
5. Be respectful, courteous, and cooperative with all coaches and team members.
6. Display good sportsmanship. Learning to compete, win or lose, with dignity and grace is important. Coaches will reinforce this throughout the season. We ask parents to help by being examples of good sportsmanship.
7. Stay out of the way of timers, judges, coaches, and other officials during meets. Parents and swimmers must be sure that they do not obstruct the view of any official or prevent them from doing their jobs. As a general rule, it is best to stay away from the starting end of the pool. Some teams do not allow spectators to be within the pool fence. Please follow the rules of our hosting teams.
8. Be on time for your events at meets. We will have liners preparing our swimmers for their events. **Pay attention to the announcers and to what is happening in the pool.** As your event approaches, make your way to the liners. Make sure you have your cap and goggles. Please stay away from playground equipment as this is a big distraction and a problem every year!
9. **Have fun and enjoy the experience! Cheer for your teammates!**

Wavemaker Apparel- Order will be through Art Shirt.

VOLUNTEERS

Parent volunteers are critical for the success of the team. We will need help at all of our meets, especially our home meets. If you don't sign up, we will sign you up for a spot to work at the meets. If you can't come it is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

We will communicate with families via email. Please be sure the coaches have your correct email address. If you are not receiving emails please let us know ASAP!

WEBSITE: www.ks-usa.net/lindsborgcommunity/swim_team/index.htm

Meet information, directions, results, schedules, and cancellations will be posted on this site. Mary Voigt provides and maintains this site.

SWIM MEETS

While not required, we strongly encourage swimmers to participate in meets. We do ask that

you swim in at least one of our home meets this year. To participate in the League Championship Meet, a swimmer **MUST** have competed in **at least two meets** during the regular season. If a meet is canceled due to inclement weather, it will still count as one of the two meets if your swimmer is registered for that meet.

To earn team points at meets, we are allowed to enter only three swimmers per event. The only exceptions during the regular meets are the 25 yd and 50 yd freestyle events in which we may enter everyone. Given these restrictions, the coaches must make difficult choices when deciding who will be entered in each event. **Every** swimmer will have the opportunity to compete in **every** meet for which he/she qualifies, but not necessarily in the same number of events. At times, a swimmer may be “aged up” (entered in an older age group) to earn team points, improve a time, and/or gain competitive experience. A swimmer may not be entered in a younger age group. A swimmer may also be given an exhibition (non-point earning) entry. **If you have any concerns about your swimmer’s entries, please talk to the head coach.**

Meet commitments are required for all meets! Commitments are used to complete meet entries. You will receive a meet commitment through email each Sunday for the following Saturday. Meet commitments are due on Tuesdays. If your swimmer(s) turns in a meet commitment, the team expects him/her to be at the meet. If your child needs a ride to a meet, let a coach know. **Please call one of the coaches as soon as you know that your swimmer needs to withdraw from a meet.**
League rules also limit individual entries to the following:

8 yr. & Under to 11-12 yr.:	Four individual events & 2 relays
13-14 yr.:	Five individual events & 2 relays
15-18 yr.:	Unlimited individual events & 2 relays
(200 yd. freestyle does not count in the above limits)	

Things to bring to meets:

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| - Healthy snacks e.g. fruit, nuts, cheese, granola bars | - Cool drinking water |
| - Sports drinks, fruit juice (No soda pop) | - Sunscreen |
| - Towels, blankets, sleeping bags | - Swimsuit, team cap, goggles |
| - Asthma inhalers if needed | - Shade tent, umbrella, hat |
| - <u>Sharpie for marking arm</u> | - Folding chairs |

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Other Teams Competing</u>	<u>Entry Commitment Deadline</u>
May 31	Hesston	Solomon, Hillsboro, Hesston	<u>Wednesday</u> , May 28
June 7	Solomon	Abilene, Solomon, Peabody	Tuesday, June 3
June 14	Council Grove	Solomon, Hesston, CG	Tuesday, June 10
June 21	HOME	Herington, Hesston	Tuesday, June 17
June 28	Herington (times do NOT count towards league, smaller pool)	Herington, Solomon, Marion, CG	Tuesday, June 24
July 5	Hesston	BIG League, Hillsboro, Hesston, ?	Tuesday, June 24

