

CCAA Survey – June/July 2017

This survey was open from June 26 to July 9, 2017. A link to the survey was sent to CCAA team representatives, who were asked to forward the link to the parents on their teams. Two reminder e-mails were sent to the team representatives. The survey was not available through the CCAA website or social media platforms. This was a conscious decision made to restrict participation in the survey to the most active participants in the CCAA.

Question 1:

The teams in the CCAA are currently divided into league divisions intended to create competitive balance. The league divisions are based on the team standings from the previous season's City Meet. Some teams have proposed creating league divisions based on geography in order to reduce travel. Use the slider below to register your preference between league divisions based on competitive balance and league divisions based on geography. (1 represents league divisions based on competitive balance and 5 represents league divisions based on geography.)

Question 1: Results by Team

	% reply 1 or 2	%reply 3	% reply 4 or 5	# of replies	Ave.	% reply 1	% reply 2	% reply 3	% reply 4	% reply 5
Total	43%	20%	38%	488	2.90	26%	17%	20%	16%	21%
Ashborough	52%	16%	32%	25	2.40	44%	8%	16%	28%	4%
Coosaw Creek	88%	6%	6%	33	1.45	76%	12%	6%	3%	3%
Country Club	27%	0%	73%	11	3.82	9%	18%	0%	27%	45%
Crowfield	48%	37%	15%	27	2.44	33%	15%	37%	4%	11%
Daniel Island	33%	21%	45%	33	3.33	15%	18%	21%	9%	36%
Dunes West	23%	18%	59%	22	3.59	9%	14%	18%	27%	32%
Fort Johnson	27%	36%	36%	11	3.00	18%	9%	36%	27%	9%
Hobcaw	19%	11%	70%	27	3.89	0%	19%	11%	33%	37%
James Island	30%	17%	52%	46	3.37	17%	13%	17%	20%	33%
Legend Oaks	39%	39%	22%	23	2.70	22%	17%	39%	13%	9%
Longpoint	25%	13%	63%	16	3.63	6%	19%	13%	31%	31%
Newington	55%	6%	39%	33	2.79	30%	24%	6%	15%	24%
Northbridge	31%	27%	42%	26	3.15	19%	12%	27%	19%	23%
Parkshore	26%	17%	57%	23	3.35	22%	4%	17%	30%	26%
Pine Forest	40%	20%	40%	10	3.20	10%	30%	20%	10%	30%
Shadowmoss	41%	34%	25%	32	2.84	19%	22%	34%	6%	19%
Sha-Mel-Lon	69%	15%	15%	13	2.08	54%	15%	15%	0%	15%
Snee Farm	75%	8%	17%	12	1.92	50%	25%	8%	17%	0%
Summerville Y	43%	14%	43%	7	3.14	14%	29%	14%	14%	29%
No team	50%	22%	28%	58	2.64	29%	21%	22%	12%	16%

Question 1: Results by League

	% reply 1 or 2	%reply 3	% reply 4 or 5	# of replies	Ave.	% reply 1	% reply 2	% reply 3	% reply 4	% reply 5
Total	43%	20%	38%	488	2.90	26%	17%	20%	16%	21%
Red League	52%	11%	37%	138	2.74	33%	19%	11%	14%	22%
White League	31%	23%	46%	142	3.27	15%	15%	23%	19%	27%
Blue League	42%	24%	34%	150	2.81	28%	14%	24%	17%	17%

Question 1: Results by experience in CCAA

	% reply 1 or 2	%reply 3	% reply 4 or 5	# of replies	Ave.	% reply 1	% reply 2	% reply 3	% reply 4	% reply 5
Total	43%	20%	38%	488	2.90	26%	17%	20%	16%	21%
1st year	35%	25%	39%	51	3.06	18%	18%	25%	20%	20%
2-4 years	38%	21%	41%	135	3.01	24%	13%	21%	18%	23%
5-10 years	44%	18%	38%	174	2.93	24%	20%	18%	15%	23%
11-20 years	54%	16%	30%	57	2.51	40%	14%	16%	14%	16%
20+ years	33%	0%	67%	15	3.40	27%	7%	0%	33%	33%

Question 1: Results by role of respondent (multiple roles permitted)

	% reply 1 or 2	%reply 3	% reply 4 or 5	# of replies	Ave.	% reply 1	% reply 2	% reply 3	% reply 4	% reply 5
Total	43%	20%	38%	488	2.90	26%	17%	20%	16%	21%
Parent	40%	19%	40%	403	2.98	25%	15%	19%	18%	23%
Current Head or Assistant Coach	61%	17%	22%	18	2.33	44%	17%	17%	6%	17%
Team Rep	41%	24%	35%	17	2.94	29%	12%	24%	6%	29%
Former swimmer	35%	16%	48%	31	3.26	23%	13%	16%	13%	35%
Former coach	50%	17%	33%	12	2.75	17%	33%	17%	25%	8%

Question 1: Results by child's age group (multiple answers permitted)

	% reply 1 or 2	%reply 3	% reply 4 or 5	# of replies	Ave.	% reply 1	% reply 2	% reply 3	% reply 4	% reply 5
Total	43%	20%	38%	488	2.90	26%	17%	20%	16%	21%
6 and under	37%	24%	39%	67	2.90	28%	9%	24%	22%	16%
7-8	36%	18%	46%	131	3.11	23%	13%	18%	21%	24%
9-10	33%	23%	44%	142	3.16	19%	14%	23%	19%	25%
11-12	44%	16%	40%	131	2.95	26%	18%	16%	15%	25%
13-14	45%	22%	33%	102	2.78	26%	19%	22%	17%	17%
15-18	56%	16%	28%	114	2.54	35%	21%	16%	11%	18%

Question 1: Results by ZIP code

	% reply 1 or 2	%reply 3	% reply 4 or 5	# of replies	Ave.	% reply 1	% reply 2	% reply 3	% reply 4	% reply 5
Total	43%	20%	38%	488	2.90	26%	17%	20%	16%	21%
29401 (peninsula)	50%	50%	0%	2	2.50	0%	50%	50%	0%	0%
29403 (peninsula)	50%	50%	0%	2	2.50	0%	50%	50%	0%	0%
29405 (N.Charleston)	100%	0%	0%	2	1.00	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
29407 (West Ashley)	35%	21%	44%	48	3.02	25%	10%	21%	25%	19%
29410 (Hanahan)	0%	100%	0%	1	3.00	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
29412 (James Island)	27%	21%	52%	63	3.40	14%	13%	21%	24%	29%
29414 (West Ashley)	38%	31%	31%	39	2.97	21%	18%	31%	5%	26%
29418 (Joint Base Chas.)	67%	0%	33%	3	2.33	33%	33%	0%	33%	0%
29420 (N. Charleston)	83%	4%	13%	23	1.65	74%	9%	4%	4%	9%
29429 (Awendaw)	50%	0%	50%	2	2.50	50%	0%	0%	50%	0%
29439 (Folly Beach)	100%	0%	0%	1	2.00	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%
29445 (Goose Creek)	55%	30%	15%	20	2.30	40%	15%	30%	5%	10%
29449 (Hollywood)	100%	0%	0%	2	1.50	50%	50%	0%	0%	0%
29455 (John's Island)	50%	0%	50%	8	3.00	50%	0%	0%	0%	50%
29456 (Ladson)	25%	50%	25%	4	3.00	0%	25%	50%	25%	0%
29461 (Moncks Corner)	0%	0%	100%	1	5.00	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
29464 (Mt. Pleasant)	36%	5%	59%	44	3.39	16%	20%	5%	27%	32%
29466 (Mt. Pleasant)	18%	21%	61%	28	3.71	4%	14%	21%	29%	32%
29470 (Ravenel)	0%	100%	0%	1	3.00	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
29483 (Summerville)	47%	13%	41%	32	2.81	38%	9%	13%	16%	25%
29485 (Summerville)	55%	19%	26%	69	2.48	33%	22%	19%	16%	10%
29486 (Summerville)	25%	75%	0%	4	2.75	0%	25%	75%	0%	0%
29492 (Daniel Island)	32%	23%	45%	31	3.35	13%	19%	23%	10%	35%

Question 1: Results by location (ZIP codes aggregated)

	% reply 1 or 2	%reply 3	% reply 4 or 5	# of replies	Ave.	% reply 1	% reply 2	% reply 3	% reply 4	% reply 5
Total	43%	20%	38%	488	2.90	26%	17%	20%	16%	21%
Peninsula	50%	50%	0%	4	2.50	0%	50%	50%	0%	0%
North Area	56%	19%	25%	159	2.42	40%	16%	19%	13%	13%
W. Ashley	39%	23%	38%	98	2.97	26%	13%	23%	14%	23%
James Island	28%	20%	52%	64	3.38	14%	14%	20%	23%	28%
Mt Pleasant	30%	11%	59%	74	3.49	12%	18%	11%	28%	31%
Daniel Island	32%	23%	45%	31	3.35	13%	19%	23%	10%	35%

ZIP codes in Peninsula: 29401 / 29403

ZIP codes in North Area (North Charleston/Hanahan/Goose Creek/Moncks Corner/Ladson/Summerville/Joint Base Charleston):

29405 / 29401 / 29418 / 29420 / 29445 / 29456 / 29461 / 29483 / 29485 / 29486

ZIP codes in West Ashley (West Ashley/Hollywood/John’s Island/Ravenel):

29407 / 29414 / 29449 / 29455 / 29470

ZIP codes in James Island: (James Island/Folly Beach):

29412 / 29439

ZIP codes in Mount Pleasant (Mount Pleasant/Awendaw): 29429 / 29464 / 29466

ZIP codes in Daniel Island: 29492

Question 2

CCAA dual meets typically begin during the first week of June and end during the first week of July. The dual meet season involves ten meet dates that include eight meets, one bye, and one rain date for each team.

Please choose one of the options below:

The CCAA dual meet season is too short.	81	14.3%
The length of the CCAA dual meet season is just right.	454	80.2%
The CCAA dual meet season is too long.	31	5.5%
Total	566	

Question 3

On average, CCAA dual meets last approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes, not including warmups. Please select one of the following options regarding the following statement:

The length of the typical CCAA dual meet is appropriate.

Strongly agree	95	16.8%
Agree	274	48.5%
Neutral	103	18.2%
Disagree	80	14.2%
Strongly disagree	13	2.3%
Total	565	

Open-Ended Questions

Four open-ended questions were part of the survey. Responses were organized by similarity, and all items mentioned by four or more respondents are included here.

What does the CCAA do well?

League Logistics

- Well-organized (46 responses)
- Communication (21)
- Dual meets are well-run (15)
- Dual meet scores posted on website and social media (15)
- Coordination of dual meet schedule (15)
- Good use of website and social media (13)
- League divisions based on competitive balance (10)
- Trains officials and other volunteers (7)
- Rules for dual meets (5)
- Leagues are well-balanced (4)
- Dual meet scoring format (4)
- This year's dual meet schedule entirely in June (4)

City Meet

- Well-organized (30 responses)
- Non-specific positive comments (13)
- New format (each swimmer only swims on one day) (8)
- Location at Crowfield vs. previous locations (4)

Positive comments about swimming, teamwork, etc.

- Fun atmosphere for children (21 responses)
- Encourages sportsmanship (16)
- Healthy competition (15)
- Positive atmosphere (13)
- Encourages teamwork/team spirit (11)
- Involves all levels of swimmers (9)
- Encourages swimming/love of swimming (8)
- Coaches (8)
- Promotes physical/healthy activity (7)
- Develops life skills (6)
- Friendly competition (6)
- Wide variety of competition (5)
- Builds community (5)
- Swimmers compete against others across the Lowcountry (4)
- A family-friendly sport/league (4)

What could the CCAA do better?

League Logistics

- Divide teams geographically / reduce travel time (17 responses)
- Fewer exhibition / 6 & U heats (15)
- Reduce meet length (11)
- Review league divisions (9)
- Examine historical meet scheduling / home & away scheduling issues (9)
- 3 swimmers per team in points heats (7)
- Require use of team/meet manager software (6)
- Lengthen dual meet season (6)
- Start dual meets earlier in the day (5)
- Maintain league divisions based on competitive balance (5)
- More/better training sessions for officials (5)
- Fewer dual meets (4)
- Only one dual meet per week (4)
- Merge with East Cooper Swim League/bring ECSL teams back (4)

City Meet

- New location (5 responses)
- Return to “relay night” format (4)

What could the CCAA do better?

Other responses to consider:

- Points for second place relays / allow more than one points relay per team
- “Swimmer of the Week” on CCAA website
- Rotate City Meet warmup groups; don’t base them on distance from the site.
- Cancel exhibition heats/other shortening measures in meets affected by weather
- Swim 6&U before warmups / swim all younger swimmers earliest in meet
- More communication for families new to swimming or to CCAA.
- More education for meet volunteers (meet-related or team-related jobs)
- Provide more assistance for new coaches
- Display running meet scores during a dual meet
- Consider adding divisional championship meets
- Standardize practice start dates (like high school sports)
- Electronic (not paper) dual meet heat sheets
- Begin officials training earlier in season
- Emphasize consistency to meet officials
- Ensure that disqualified swimmers or coaches are notified about the reason
- Encourage non-parent CCAA board members to attend dual meets
- Make the City Meet a USA Swimming sanctioned meet.
- Set team size limits
- Labels on back of exhibition ribbons for swimmers to write times and places
- Publish dual meet schedule earlier
- Budget for marketing opportunities for teams and/or the CCAA
- Require officials to shadow before serving as meet referee
- Modernize CCAA website
- Convert medley relays to single-gender
- Have 9-10’s swim 25s instead of 50s
- Have 13-14’s and 15-18’s swim 100s instead of 50s.

What specific suggestions do you have for improving the CCAA?

- Divide teams geographically / reduce travel time (17 responses)
- Saturday morning meets (8)
- Limit number of exhibition heats (7)
- Actively recruit more teams (6)
- Don’t begin meets until school’s out (6)
- Shorten meets (6)
- Maintain league divisions based on competitive balance (5)
- Start dual meets earlier in the day (5)
- Fewer dual meets (4)
- Geographical league divisions + competitively balanced out-of-league meets (4)

- Allow all swimmers in a heat to score points (4)
- Separate meets for younger and older swimmers (4)
- Only one dual meet per week (4)
- Have championship meets for each league/division (4)
- More emphasis on coaching technique (4)

Other responses to consider:

- Allow swimmers to swim any 3 individual events (current rules allow 2 strokes plus IM)
- Publish more information about CCAA Board: job descriptions/bios/qualifications; have official elections for Board
- Have CCAA Board visit pools to make facilities recommendations
- Give heat winner ribbons in exhibition heats / or use standard color distribution for ribbons in all heats
- Reduce time between last dual meets and City Meet
- Stroke clinics or developmental camps, especially for swimmers not in City Meet
- 10&U swim only once per week / 11-up swim twice per week
- Online time tracking for all CCAA swimmers
- Podium for award presentations at City Meet
- League divisions based on team size
- Age cutoff: either the day of each dual meet or the first day of City Meet
- Increase access to CCAA teams for disadvantaged swimmers
- Provide more training for coaches
- Do not allow fundraisers to interrupt meets
- Have Senior Night celebrations only when the visiting team is a nearby team

Please share any comments

- Thanks for all you do/Thanks to the Board and volunteers (25 responses)
- Don't switch to geographic leagues / maintain league divisions based on competitive balance / keep leagues as they are / don't complain about travel (15)
- We love our team! (6 responses from various teams)
- Reduce travel time (5)
- We love the CCAA! (5)

The CCAA Board appreciates the participation in this survey by our constituents. The survey results were presented to team representatives at the August 3, 2017, general meeting of the CCAA. After Board members and team reps have a chance to digest the results over the winter, we will begin discussions about how to use the results to make the CCAA an even better league.