

Mission Statement

The purpose of the swim club at Berkeley is to create a fun and competitive place for swimmers of all skill levels to enjoy the sport and work together in a team environment, as well as compete with other college swim clubs. We will practice together with the Cal Aquatic Masters (CalM) program. We aim to create a family environment amongst the swimmers and encourage community activity.

Organization

Practice

With CalM, we are looking for access to pools and coaches. We will encourage undergraduate swimmers to attend the 6:00 PM practices at the Golden Bear Pool in the Golden Bear Recreation Center, to further create a sense of community. We hope to practice under the same coach every day, and maybe down the line have them attend swim meets with us. Our speed ranges from 100 yard freestyles on the 1:15 to 1:30, though we have swimmers on either side of that standard as well.

Competition

We will be attending swim meets through CISCA, an organization of mostly universities in California such as the U.C.'s, Stanford, Cal Poly, and Grand Canyon University. We have been in communication with CISCA leaders and have access to meet schedules, and have confirmed that we can compete as student club (instead of a club sport).

We are also a Registered Student Organization (RSO), under the UC Berkeley Student Union (ASUC). As an RSO, we have the right to hold meetings on campus, apply for sponsorship to certain ASUC scholarships, and have a bank account outside of our CalM fees.

Finances

Since not everyone would attend swim meets, meet registration and travel fees would be paid out of pocket or fundraised for. Our dues would be a combination of CalM fees (\$120/ semester), as well as a minimal fund to support the RSO, which would include money for apparel, travel, and insurance.

Future Steps

Our next steps include electing a Student Liason to the CalM board, determining how many people would come to each practice, and setting up a swim meet schedule for next semester. We would appreciate the help of CalM to welcome us to the student board, work with us to figure out prime practice times that do not overcrowd Golden Bear, and understand that this is new territory for all of us.