

Wheaton Swim Club Practice Information



The team will practice according to the regular practice schedule as printed on page 2 and 3. Note that any irregularities will be posted on the team website at www.wheatonswimming.com. We will also send flyers home with swimmers if any last-minute changes arise. For driving directions to all facilities, please see our website or ask a coach for printed directions.

The spring and summer schedules are purposefully designed with our members' needs in mind. Our long course season is divided into three sessions, which differ in order to accommodate your busy schedules at each particular time of year.

- **Spring 1 Session:** Begins with a gradual increase in practice time and yardage. The main focus is on stroke technique and getting back into shape. This session helps lay the ground work as swimmers prepare for the Competition phase of the season. At least one swim meet will be offered during this session. **Spring 1 dates: April 4 – May 7.**
- **Spring 2 Session:** During this time we will lengthen practice times and the number of practices per week as we move into more intense training. We will have our first "Long Course" meet during this time (swum in Olympic sized pool). Stroke technique continues to be emphasized as we increase our practice intensity. Weekend practices may involve long course training for some groups. **Spring 2 dates: May 8-June 11.**
- **Summer Session:** After school is out we begin our most intense training phase of the season. We also add practices and flexible schedules to enable swimmers of all ages to take advantage of our program while still participating in many other summer activities, such as park district swimming, tennis, etc. We have purposefully staggered our practices in order to allow you to continue enjoying your other activities. **Summer dates: June 12-July 30.**

Saturday Practice Information: We will offer Saturday practices throughout the season. Practices will usually begin at either 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. National and Junior National practices will be 2 hours. Senior, Pre-National, and Gold practices will be 1.5 hours. Silver practices will be 1.25 hours. Blue and Bronze practices will be 45 minute Racing Start or Racing Turns clinics. The finalized Saturday practice schedule will be posted once the team's meet schedule is finalized. We will offer Friday and Saturday practices on most meet weekends for those swimmers not participating in meets.

Start-up Information: Please see the sheet below for full information about the beginning of the season. The coaches will gradually ease the swimmers back into shape. The first three weeks will involve a modified practice schedule, which can be found on page 2. After that time we will use the regular practice schedule found on page 3.

Parent's Meeting. We will conduct a question and answer session for any new parents on **April 22 at 10:00 a.m.** at Wheaton College. This will primarily be your opportunity to meet all of the coaches and to ask any of the questions you are sure to have. Returning parents are welcome to attend and "show the ropes" to new parents.

Dryland Info: The National team will participate in dryland activities beginning week 3. This program involves weight training, flexibility and balance exercise, yoga, Pilates, and core strength training.

Practice Conflicts: During the summer season the coaches will be as flexible as possible to accommodate job or activity conflicts. We have many alternative times for swimmers to attend. Additional pool time is available in the summer from 1:30-3:00 p.m. and from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for swimmers with conflicts and for College Swimmers with jobs or other commitments. We feel we offer the best and most flexible pool time for swimmers of all ages.

Practice Attendance Info: Other than the national team, there are no practice attendance requirements for any group. Swimmers are encouraged to attend as often as possible, however, we realize that swimmers have many other important activities as well. We offer many practice sessions in order to fit into your busy schedule.

Spring Session 1 Start-up Information



Group	First Practice	Time	Location
National Team	Tues, April 4	5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	College of DuPage
Senior Team	Tues, April 4	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	College of DuPage
Junior National	Tues, April 4	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	College of DuPage
Pre-National	Tues, April 4	4:00 – 5:15 p.m.	College of DuPage
Gold	Tues, April 4	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Wheaton College
Silver	Thurs, April 6	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	College of DuPage
Bronze	Thurs, April 6	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	College of DuPage
Blue	Thurs, April 6	4:45 – 5:30 p.m.	College of DuPage
Orange	Tues, April 4	4:15 – 4:45 p.m.	College of DuPage

Season Start-up Information – Session 1 Only

The coaches will start the season off at a slow pace and ease the swimmers back into shape, according to the practice schedule below. Practices will begin at the usual time, unless indicated below.

Group	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
National Team	1.5 hours M,W 6-7:30 at Wheaton T, Th 5:30-7:00 at COD F 4:00-6:00 at Wheaton Sat 1.5 hrs	1.5 hours or 2 hrs M,W 6-7:30 at Wheaton T, Th 5:30-7:00 at COD F 4:00-6:00 at Wheaton Sat 2 hrs	Full practice
Junior National	1.5 hours M,W 6-7:30 at Wheaton T, Th 4-5:30 at COD F 4:00-6:00 at Wheaton Sat 1.5 hours	1.5 or 1.75 hours M, W 6-7:30 at Wheaton T, Th 4-5:45 at COD F 4:00-6:00 at Wheaton Sat 1.5 hrs	Full practice
Senior Team	Full practice	Full practice	Full practice
Pre-National	1.25 hours	1.5 hours	Full practice
Gold	1 hour	1.25 hours	Full practice
Silver	Full practice	Full practice	Full practice
Bronze	Full practice	Full practice	Full practice
Blue	Full practice	Full practice	Full practice
Orange	Full practice	Full practice	Full practice



2006 Spring & Summer Regular Practice Schedule

The summer practice schedule is purposefully designed to allow flexibility within your busy spring and summer schedules. Please contact the coaching staff with any questions you may have.

Note that we have designed a practice schedule which maximizes our pool space and time. As always, swimmers are encouraged to attend as many practices as possible, but the coaches realize that swimmers of all ages are involved in many other activities as well.

	Session 1 April 4 – May 7		Session 2 May 8 – June 11		Session 3 June 12 – July 30	
National	M, W T, Th Fri Sat	5:30-7:30 p.m. (W. Coll) 5:30-7:30 p.m. (COD) 4:00-6:00 p.m. (W. Coll) time tba 2 hrs (W. Coll)	M-Th F Sat	4:00-6:30 p.m. (W. Coll) 4:00-6:30 p.m. (W. Coll) time tba 2 hrs (W. Coll)	M-F MWF T, Th Sat	8-10:15a (W. Coll - long course) 3-5:00p (W. Coll -short course) 3-5:15p (COD) At Wheaton short course (times are tba) 2 hours
	Session 1 Dryland: M,W 4:45-5:30 p.m. at Wheaton College		Session 2 Dryland: M,W 6:30-7:00 p.m. at Wheaton College		Session 3 Dryland: tba	
Junior National	M, W T, Th Fri Sat	5:30-7:30 p.m. (W. Coll) 4:00-6:00 p.m. (COD) 4:00-6:00 p.m. (W. Coll) time tba 2 hrs (W. Coll)	MW T, Th F Sat	4:30-6:30 p.m. (W. Coll) 4:15-6:15 p.m. (COD) 4:00-6:00 p.m. (W. Coll) time tba 2hrs at Wheaton	M-F MWF T, Th Sat	9:30-11:30a (W. Coll - LC) 5-6:30 (W. Coll -short course) 3-5:00p (W. Coll-short course) time tba 2 hrs (W. Coll)
Senior	T, Th F Sat	4:00-5:30 p.m. (COD) 4:00-5:30 p.m. (W. Coll) time tba 1.5 hr (W. Coll)	T, Th F Sat	4-5:30 p.m. (W. Coll) 4:00-5:30 p.m. (W. Coll) time tba 1.5 hr (W. Coll)	MTTh W, F Sat	5-6:30p (W. Coll-short course) 3-4:30p (W. Coll-short course) time tba 1.5 hr (W. Coll)
Pre-National	M T, Th W, F Sat	4:00-5:30 p.m. (W. Coll) 4:00-5:30 p.m. (COD) 6:00-7:30 p.m. (W. Coll) time tba 1.5 hr (W. Coll)	M T, Th Fri Sat	4:00-5:30 p.m. (W. Coll) 4:15-6:00 p.m. (COD) 4:00-5:30 p.m. (W. Coll) time tba 1.5 hr (W. Coll)	MWF MWF T, Th Sat	10:15-11:30a (W. Coll - LC) 5-6:30p (W. Coll – short course) 3-4:45p (W. Coll – short course) time tba 1.5 hr (W. Coll)
Gold	M,W T, Th F Sat	4:00-5:30 p.m. (W. Coll) 4-5:30 p.m. (W. Coll) 6-7:30 p.m. (W. Coll) time tba 1.5 hr (W. Coll)	T, Th W F Sat	6:00-7:30 p.m. (COD) 4:00-5:30 p.m. (W. Coll) 4:00-5:30 p.m. (W. Coll) time tba 1.5 hr (W. Coll)	M T-F Sat	10:15-11:15a (W. Coll - LC) 5-6:30p (W. Coll – short course) time tba 1.5 hr (W. Coll)
Silver	T, Th F Sat	6:00-7:30 p.m. (COD) 6:15-7:30 p.m. (W. Coll) time tba 1.25 hr (W. Coll)	T, Th Fri Sat	6:15-7:30 (COD) 5:30-6:30 p.m. (W. Coll) time tba 1.5 hr (W. Coll)	MWF T, Th Sat	4:15-5:30 p.m. (W. Coll) 3:15-4:30 p.m. (W. Coll) time tba 1.25 hr (W. Coll)
Bronze	T, Th F Sat	5:30-6:30 p.m. (COD) 5:30-6:15 p.m. (W. Coll) time tba 45 min (W. Coll)	T, Th F Sat	6:30-7:30 p.m. (COD) 5:30-6:15 p.m. (W. Coll) time tba 45 min (W. Coll)	M,W T, Th Sat	1:30-2:30 p.m. (W. Coll) 4:30-5:30 p.m. (W. Coll) time tba 45 min (W. Coll)
Blue	T, Th F Sat	4:45-5:30 p.m. (COD) 5:30-6:15 p.m. (W. Coll) time tba 45 min (W. Coll)	T, Th F Sat	5:45-6:30 p.m. (COD) 5:30-6:15 p.m. (W. Coll) time tba 45 min (W. Coll)	M,W T, Th Sat	1:30-2:15 p.m. (W. Coll) 4:30-5:15 p.m. (W. Coll) time tba 45 min (W. Coll)
Orange (Pre Season Competitive Swim Camp)	T, Th	4:15-4:45 p.m. (COD)	T, Th	5:15-5:45 p.m. (COD)	n/a – swimmers may join the team at this time at a discounted rate!!	

Codes: W. Coll = Wheaton College, COD= College of DuPage, C. Stream = Carol Stream, LC = Long Course