



Swim Team Parent Information

Welcome to the Wheaton Swim Club. As a coaching staff, we try to make as much information available to our members as possible. We post this information on the website (www.wheatonswimming.com), the bulletin boards, and via handouts. However, it may be helpful for you to have some of the information outlined below ahead of time.

Team Apparel & Caps

Each swimmer will receive one t-shirt per year and a team cap with their membership. These are available from the coaches. Wheaton Swim Club uses The Swim Team Store as the provider of all other team apparel. You can also get many generic items such as goggles and bags at great prices. The Naperville store is located at 1212 S. Naper Blvd, (630) 548-5500 and is eager to serve all of your swimming needs. Please visit their store website, www.theswimteamstore.com for a listing of extended store hours.

Note we will have three "Open Ordering" time periods throughout the year, when you can order any item listed on our team site (click Apparel on the left side of our home page). Most items will be available year-round, but items which must be ordered in bulk are ONLY available during these Open Ordering time slots (you can see which items are which below).

Financial Information

All forms must be completed and all team fees must be paid before a swimmer may practice. This includes training fees and, ISI fees. Any balance you may accrue after the season starts will be billed to you, and must be paid within 30 days. Payment plans are available, as outlined on our website. Team scholarships and Fee-for-Service opportunities are also available. Our goal is to make it possible for any family to be a part of the team who wants to be.

Please contact billing coordinator Jacob Ayers (coaches@wheatonswimming.com) with any questions. For new swimmers, team fees are non-refundable after 10 practices have been offered for your swimmer's group. The team must be notified in writing if you choose to leave the team. ISI fees are non-refundable. For returning swimmers, team fees are 50% refundable until 14 days after registration, at which time they are non-refundable. Deposits for travel meets are non-refundable. Payments for other meets are non-refundable once the entries have been sent to the meet hosts (contact the coaches for specifics).

All swimmers must be members of ISI (Illinois Swimming, Inc.). This is to ensure that the swimmers, coaches, and Team are covered by insurance in case of an accident. The fee for ISI membership is \$60 per year (renewed each fall) and is non-refundable.

For liability reasons, no person who is not a coach-member or athlete-member of ISI may be on the pool deck at any time during practice. No person who is not a coach member or athlete-member of ISI may be on the pool deck at any time during meets, except for official meet volunteers (such as timers, etc), who are exempt while they are working.

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Swim Meet Information

Swim meet participation is probably the topic which generates the most questions. Our team philosophy is to allow swimmers and families to choose the meets which are most convenient for you. You now can register for swim meets online! There is no more Escrow Account for swimmers. Meet fees are paid online at the time you sign up for each meet. Some meets have special registration and billing procedures, so please read our online Meet Policies.. Some meets may have qualifying time standards which swimmers must meet in order to participate. Details for each of these meets will be on the team website. If you change your mind about participation in a meet, you must notify the team in writing *before* the deadline for entering the meet. Once we have sent in our team entry to a meet host, changes to the entry cannot be made.

The team generally participates in about two travel meets (i.e. Indianapolis), 1-2 Novice meets, and about 2 ISI On-Schedule Meets per month. We will also provide a championship meet for anyone who wants to participate in one (i.e. Chicagoland Swim Conference Championships, "A" State, Age Group State, etc).

All swimmers have a favorite stroke or event. However, our team philosophy is to expose swimmers to all events as they are prepared and old enough for them. We generally enter swimmers in the maximum number of events offered to their age group. Many times swimmers realize that they are good at strokes or events simply because they are exposed to them for the first time. Meet entries will be posted on the team website and made available to swimmers during practice. Meet results will also be made available on our team website.

Our team will host 2-3 large meets per year, and will need everyone's help to run them successfully. We ask each family to volunteer to work at two sessions at each of our large meets. Note that all swimmers will be billed for these home meets, but will only be entered if they sign up.

Coach, Swimmer, and Parent Etiquette

We ask all members of the team – staff, swimmers, parents – to remember that we are guests in any facility we use. Please treat all personnel from any facility or team with the utmost respect at all times. Never approach an official at a swim meet regarding a questionable call, etc. Please bring the matter to the attention of the coaching staff and we will discuss it with the official. Additionally, no recording devices (including cell/camera phones) may be used in the locker rooms at any time. No photos or video may be taken during practice at any time.

Remember that swimming is a great sport because many athletes can participate at one time. However this also means that the coaching staff is attending to many swimmers simultaneously. Please be aware of this fact during practices and meets. After practice is usually the best time to talk to a coach.

Stay in Touch!

We are looking to have the best communication possible between coaches, swimmers, and parents. Feel free to call or email at any time. Do not hesitate to ask any question you may have. We realize that not everyone is experience in the sport and that you will have many questions throughout the season.



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