



What's Happening Newsletter

For September 23, 2022

Welcome to the third Newsletter of the 2022-2023 season. Newsletters will be sent out bi-weekly on Fridays. Please look for it in your inbox and be sure to read it! It will make you a more informed swim parent! Missed a previous newsletter? Find it posted on the NYAC home page [HERE](#).

It's National Coaches Week!

Don't forget to thank your coach this week. Coaches are the backbone of our club; they keep us standing up straight and strong. Thank you to all our NYAC Coaches for all that you do!

Eddie Toro, Heather Bruce, Andrei Thornton, Celeste Merey, Alessandro Stipo, Katie Smith, Billy Toro, Kashyap Gosai, Jillian Sweetman-Rice, Rachel Rosenstein, Charlie Chan, Kiera Ayoub, Daniel Pinto, Koji Takahashi, Sophia Dumitras, Charlotte Bruce, Claire O'Hagan, Shane Chen, Olivia Rabinowitz, Nolan Welsh, and all our amazing Waves Coaches!

Our NYAC coaches are the best!

Welcome Back, BBQ!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Welcome Back BBQ last Thursday. It was exciting to host this kickoff event for the first time in 3 years. The weather was perfect, and seeing all the new and returning swimmers, families, and coaches was wonderful. Thanks to the organizing committee (Gillian Uy, Jennifer Mitchell, Suzanne Yoo, Jarvin Wang, and Madison Vicente) and all of our coaches and other volunteers that made this a special event for NYAC!

Pick up and Drop off at Pools:

Coaches ask that all swimmers arrive 15 minutes before practices begin. Be prepared! Swimmers are to have their equipment ready, water bottle filled, and go to the bathroom before entering the deck.

Please do not drop your swimmer off any earlier than 15 minutes before practice and please also be on time for pick up at the end of practice. We cannot guarantee supervision prior to arrival of our coaches, and leaving unattended swimmers in the facilities puts our permits at risk. Thank you for your cooperation!

Set up your SMS (Short Message System)

- We use SMS to communicate to our members in a fast way for last-minute emergencies like pool closures. Just this past week, we had two pools go down. Only a handful of members had set up their cell numbers on the SMS system.
 - **How to enter a SMS number:**
 - Log into your NYAC account
 - Select My Account under your name in the top right-hand corner
 - Select My Account again in the left bar
 - Select Account Info in the drop-down
 - Scroll down until you see Account Contact Info
 - Enter your cell number in the SMS box and select a carrier
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- Every family can have two numbers set up with the SMS system, and we highly recommend that if your swimmer has a cell phone, they be added as the second number.

Looking for Photos from last season

- We are putting together the 2021-2022 yearbook and are asking parents, swimmers and coaches to share photos from last season. Please email jillian@nyacswimming.ca if you have photos to share.
- We are also looking for a parent volunteer to help the office as a yearbook coordinator – if interested, please contact Linda at linda@nyacswimming.ca

Back to School Supply Drive

The Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre Community Council will be running a Fall Back to School Supply Drive to support the Parents Engaged in Education.

When? October 1-2, 2022 | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm |

Where? East Drop-Off

What? Items needed: • Scientific Calculator • Regular Calculator • Backpacks • Lunch Bags • Markers • Glue Sticks • Pens Scissors • Rulers • Geometry Set and much more!

Donation boxes will be set up starting September 26, or you can drop off at the NYAC office on September 25 or October 2. For those at Douglas Snow on October 1, you may deliver your donated items to Linda Liberta at the New Parent meeting.

Help students in need by donating school supplies!

Save the Date!

1. New Parent Meetings

Join us to see what to expect in your first year as a swim parent and get your questions answered. To register for a New Parent Meeting, press - [HERE](#)

- Saturday, October 1, 7:15-8:30 am - In-person Meeting – Douglas Snow Aquatic Centre – during the first Skills Clinic.
- A second Zoom meeting will be scheduled shortly. Stay tuned!

2. Skills Session

- Saturday, October 1, Douglas Snow Aquatic Centre 7:30-8:30 am
- All **Intro and Development C swimmers** are invited to attend the first of 4 Skill Sessions, hosted by our Director of Performance Eddie Toro and our Director of Coaching Heather Bruce
- This Skill Session will occur at the same time as our next New Parent Meeting at Douglas Snow.

3. Officials Clinics

Do your part and take an Officials clinic or two this fall! Thank you!

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- Sunday, October 2 – 9:00 – 11:00 am – TPASC- **Mandarin** - Intro to Swimming Clinic *NOTE: this course is offered in Mandarin * registration now closed for this course
- Thursday, October 6 – 9:00 – 9:00 pm – Virtual Zoom – Strokes and Turns Clinic ([register here](#))

Swim Ontario Hosted Clinics – Don't forget Returning members need to take one new Clinic each year!

- Multiple dates and clinics are available – see the Meets and Events tab on the website - [HERE](#)
- These are advanced clinics and not for the new members who still need to take the first Clinic, Intro to Swimming.

Online Clinics through Swim Canada

- An official must have an official account to register for an online clinic through the Swim Canada Learning Management System (LMS). More information on how to register is below (See the top 5 start-up list below if you are not registered yet)
 - Parents/Officials can access the LMS site using their RTR login at the link <https://edu.swimming.ca/index.php?page=225>
 - They can access E-modules regional clinic
 - E-modules available: Intro to Swim Officiating, Safety Marshal, Chief Time-keeper, Clerk of Course
 - [Swimming Canada Official Guide for the LMS site](#)

4. First Meet of the Season

- Sunday, October 16 – **NYAC's Red, White, and Black Meet** – this is a NYAC-hosted meet and your first opportunity for your swimmer to race and you to work as an official. Stay tuned; details to follow shortly.

5. NYAC Annual Awards Banquet

- Friday, November 18th at the Eglinton Grand. It's back! We are happy to host once again this amazing evening of awards, good food and fun for all NYAC members. Mark your calendars now!

Start-Up To-Do List:

Please see the **5 top things** to get looked after as we start the 2022-2023 season. (You must log in to your NYAC account before following any links.)

1. <u>Set up your emails:</u>	Log into your account and go to My Account>Account Info
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2. <u>Set up your Payments:</u>	Payment info can be found HERE
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3. <u>Purchase your swimmers' equipment and team wear.</u>	Team Wear info can be found HERE
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4. <u>Register yourself as an official with Swim Canada</u>
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- If you are **new to the club**, and haven't done so yet, please complete the application for your Officials account. <https://form.iotform.com/SwimOntario/2022-2023-official-application>.
- New parents will need to take the necessary clinics prior to our first NYAC hosted meet in order to work a position on deck.
- If you are a **returning family**, please keep an eye out for an email from our Club Officials Administrators (COA) team requesting that you complete the annual consent forms required by Swim





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Canada before you can officiate on deck for the current season. **Consent forms must be completed by October 1.** If you have questions about your Officials' account, please reach out to officials@nyacswimming.ca.

5. Register your Swimmer with Swim Canada

- Emails from Swim Canada have been sent to all current members with a link to register your swimmer with Swim Canada. Swim Canada is our governing body and provides us with our insurance. We have a two-week deadline to get your swimmer registered. *After that, all swimmers still not registered will not be allowed into practices until their registration is completed.* **Be sure to complete your registration ASAP!** Questions? Email jillian@nyacswimming.ca.

Session Commitments 2022/23:

We need you! The NYAC swimmers, thank you for helping provide excellent meets and racing opportunities for them!

Each member agreed to complete eight (8) sessions during registration in the 2022-23 season. These are broken down into the following

- **At least three (3) sessions completed by January 31, 2023**
- **All of the eight (8) sessions completed by June 15, 2023**

How can you help?

NYAC will be offering several courses to help you become familiar with swim meets and qualify you to work as an official on deck. A schedule of upcoming sessions is located on our [website](#).

If you are new to swimming, the first course to take is:

1. **Intro to Swimming**

After this, you should take:

2. **Strokes and Turns**

A Friendly Reminder:

Failure to complete session commitments has financial consequences of \$125/per each missed session. Remember, it takes volunteers to run a swim meet, so we would prefer if you could volunteer (and it really is much more fun!).

Questions about officiating? Contact nyacofficials@nyacswimming.ca

Help Wanted:

Year Book Coordinator: Are you creative and possibly know graphic design? Looking for someone to work with NYAC staff to help put together the 2021-22 yearbook. The yearbook includes photos of our groups, events, and lists of our awards winners. 150 points are awarded for this position to be used towards your fees next season. If interested, contact linda@nyacswimming.ca

Pool Reps: Pool reps are parent representatives who perform an essential communication role within the club. They play a positive and supportive role model for parents. Becoming a pool rep provides an opportunity to get involved in the club. It is a wonderful way to learn about competitive swimming and our





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club. It offers a chance to interact with the coaching staff, Board of Directors and families of NYAC. 100 points are awarded for this position to be used towards your fees next season. If interested, please reach out to Heather Bruce at heather@nyacswimming.ca

Volunteers needed for FINA World Cup Championships

Parents and/or older siblings are welcome to sign-up as volunteers for the 2022 FINA Swimming World Cup [HERE](#). This meet will be hosted at TPASC on October 28-30 and will have some of the top swimmers from around the world racing in it. *Please note* working at this meet does not count towards your session commitments with NYAC, but it is a fantastic opportunity to participate in this event.

Who to Contact for What:

- **Always check the NYAC Website first.** This is where you can find most information needed for parents. Always log in with your password to see the private side for NYAC members. If any information is unavailable, let us know, and we will do our best to get it posted for parents.
- **Coach:** Contact your coach for all practice schedules, your swimmers' performance, and swim meet details. Your Group coach will be contacting you in early September before practices begin.
- **Linda Liberta –Program Coordinator:-** linda@nyacswimming.ca
For all registration, billing, team wear, and administrative needs
- **Eddie Toro – Director of Performance** – eddie@nyacswimming.ca
Any questions your coach could not answer, especially for the Competitive program
- **Heather Bruce –Director of Coaching** – heather@nyacswimming.ca
Any questions your coach could not answer, especially Waves, Youth and Intro. Also, looking after pool reps and bingo volunteers.
- **Pool Rep** – A parent volunteer from your group.
First point of contact for team social events and parent support, questions about how to navigate the website, and pool closure updates.

Question of the Week:

*I've placed an order for my swimmer from **Splashables**. Can my coach or someone deliver my order to my swimmer's practice?*

Parents have 3 **Delivery Options** to receive their swimmer's equipment:

1. Pick up your order from the store
2. Delivery to your home (fee for this option)
3. Pick up from TPASC

Please note that NYAC is not part of the store, and all questions regarding your order must be directed to **Splashables**. 50 Paxman Road, Unit 4, Etobicoke (Toronto), Tel: 416 620-4954. www.nyac.splashables.com

Don't forget this is the last weekend of extended hours to get your swimmer's needs for the season!

Saturday, September 24, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday, September 25, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

1st Deadline to order your embroidered items is September 25.

Go, NYAC, Go!





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Connect with NYAC on social media:

- Instagram - Follow us by clicking [here](#)
- Facebook - Follow us by clicking [here](#)
- You Tube – Subscribe now, by clicking [here](#)

Thank you to Delta Bingo, who has supported NYAC for many years, helping us to keep swimmers swimming with proceeds going to pay pool rent.

