

# WATER RAT SWIM TEAM

## FALL 2020 REGISTRATION PACKET

### About the Water Rats

The Westport Weston Family YMCA Water Rat Swim Team is a year-round, nationally recognized competitive swim program organized and operated within the Westport Weston Family YMCA. The Water Rat Swim Team is a registered USA Swimming Team sanctioned by Connecticut Swimming, Inc. and competes in USA Swimming competitive swimming as well as YMCA swimming at the local, regional, state, zone and national level.

Consistent with the Family YMCA's mission to develop and nurture the potential of every child, promote healthy living and foster a sense of social responsibility, our team members acquire excellent swimming skills, make new friends and learn how to set goals while developing self-discipline and self-confidence.

### Registration

For their children to be members of the Water Rat Swim Team, parents of newly admitted and returning swimmers must do the following:

- Members of the Water Rat Swim Team must be individual or family members of the Westport Weston Family YMCA.
- Members of the Water Rat Swim Team need to use the Family YMCA's online registration system to enroll their children for their Water Rat Practice group. To register with the Y please connect with Denise Stevens at [dstevens@westportymca.org](mailto:dstevens@westportymca.org).
- After registering with the Family YMCA, parents will then register their children on Team Unify, the team's online management system. The system will require families to provide certain information, including, but not limited to, medical information, emergency contacts, and information for registration with USA Swimming. Payment of the PET-WRAT fee and USA Swimming fees by credit card are made on Team Unify as well. Go to [wrat.org](http://wrat.org) and then click Water Rat Registration under the pictures to register on Team Unify.

# 2020-2021 Seasons

Short Course  
See wrat.org for details

Long Course  
see wrat.org for details

Fall Practice

Spring Practice

Schedule  
Schedule  
September 9

TBA

Summer Practice Schedule  
TBA



## Practice Pools

**Strittmatter Family** Aquatic Center  
Westport Weston Family YMCA  
14 Allen Raymond Lane  
Westport, CT 06880

Staples Pool  
Staples High School  
70 North Avenue  
Westport, CT 06880

Hunt Club Pool  
Fairfield County Hunt Club  
174 Long Lots Road  
Westport, CT 06880

Mahackeno Pool  
Westport Weston Family YMCA  
14 Allen Raymond Lane  
Westport, CT 06880

## Water Rat Swim Team 2020 – 2021 Fees

There are four fees that a family must pay to have a child participate on the Water Rat Swim Team. They are as follows:

1. The Y Membership fee
2. The Y Swim Team Program Fee
3. USA Swimming Escrow Dues to cover meet entry fees and USA Swimming Annual Registration
4. PET-WRAT fee

The Y Membership and Program fees need to be paid first, and then families will be directed to pay the PET-WRAT and USA Swimming fees. A more detailed description of each fee is provided below.

### Y Membership Fee

The Y membership fee varies depending on whether a family gets their swimmer an individual membership or a family membership. Information on the Y membership rates can be found by clicking this link <http://westporty.org/membership/rates-payments/>. Please pay your Y memberships at the Membership desk or by contacting Denise Stevens at [dstevens@westporty.org](mailto:dstevens@westporty.org).

### Water Rat Y Program Fees Paid On Daxko Via Denise Stevens During Registration

The table below shows the annual Y swim team program fees, which may be paid in full or on a six (6) month installment plan. **These fees are to be paid directly to the Westport Weston Family YMCA by check, credit card, or bank draft once you have registered with Denise Stevens at [dstevens@westporty.org](mailto:dstevens@westporty.org).** Registration for all swimmers needs to be completed on Daxko via Denise (and Team Unify, see below) before the first practice.

Practice Group	Annual Y Program Fee	1 <sup>st</sup> Monthly Payment	Months 2-6 Payment
Red	\$1540	\$350	\$238
Blue	\$1,690	\$400	\$258
Discovery III	\$1590	\$350	\$248
Discovery II	\$1,770	\$400	\$274
Discovery I	\$1,940	\$400	\$308
Challenger II	\$2,240	\$450	\$358
Challenger I	\$2,340	\$450	\$378
Senior III	\$2140	\$450	\$338
Senior II	\$2,640	\$500	\$428
Senior I	\$2,740	\$500	\$448

**PET-WRAT AND USA Swimming Fees**  
**Paid Online on the Team Unify Registration System**

After registering on Daxko, families will be directed to register on the team’s swim team online registration system to pay their initial USA Swimming dues and what is called a PET-WRAT fee, a volunteer incentive tax and booster club dues. Those fees are as follows:

**PET-WRAT Fees for 2020 – 2021**  
**Paid by credit card as directed on Team Unify**

1 swimmer on the team	\$125
2 or more swimmers on the team	\$150

The PET-WRAT fee has two purposes. First, it allows the Parents’ Club to support the team by hosting swim meets, buy team equipment, subsidize socials and the annual team banquet, and award financial assistance to swimmers who cannot afford to pay the full cost of being a Water Rat. The annual fees are set every year in June or July when the Parents’ Club Board votes on the club’s budget.

In addition to paying PET-WRAT fees, all Water Rat families are required to help manage the Water Rat Swim Team by performing volunteer jobs, which help them earn PET-WRAT points. The number of Water Rat swimmers in a family, and their ages, determine the number of PET-WRAT volunteer points a family must earn. If parents earn more volunteer points than required, they will earn back part or all their PET-WRAT fees. Rebates are paid during the summer after the end of the long course season. If families do not meet their minimum volunteer commitment, they will be subject to a non-compliance fee of \$50.00 for each minimum volunteer point not earned. Notification of noncompliance fee due will be sent via email to families in August after the long course season.

**PET-WRAT POINTS**

Number and Type of Swimmers	Number of Points
<b>8/under Swimmer</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Age Group Swimmer</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Senior Swimmer</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>2 or more swimmers including an 8/under</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>2 or more AG and/or Senior Swimmers</b>	<b>35</b>

Parents can register to volunteer using their Team Unify account, which keeps track of their PET-WRAT points.

PET-WRAT fees, PET-WRAT points and the importance of volunteering are explained in the club's Volunteer Policy, which all parents must acknowledge when they register their swimmer. The intent of this policy is not to raise money but to emphasize how important it is that we work together to provide well-run meets for our children. The team cannot run a meet without adequate parent support. This policy is intended to provide flexibility for families throughout the meet season to fulfill the minimum volunteer commitment. Many of our parent volunteer in excess of 100 hours during the year. Families not doing their fair share jeopardize the smooth management and operation of team events and subject the club to increased membership fees.

**\*\*\*The volunteer policy provided above was what was in place last year and that, due to extraordinary state of events surrounding COVID 19 and the related uncertainty surrounding the ability to host and participate in swim meets and social activities this season, the following modifications, for now, will be implemented: 1. There is no penalty for non-compliance this season; and , 2. In the event that the season normalizes, the Board will reconsider based on the facts available at that time and recommend what is fair to the parents considering the change in circumstances. We are keeping track of meets timed thus far and will continue to do so going forward and those points will be considered in the event that any point requirement ultimately is recommended. \*\*\***

**USA Swimming Escrow Account Initial Payment**  
Paid by credit card as directed on Team Unify

All swimmers	\$100
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Like the PET-WRAT fee, the USA Swimming fee has two purposes. First it is used to pay each swimmer's \$78 Annual USA Swimming Registration Fee. Second, it is used to pay meet fees (**when meets resume after the Covid crisis is over**). When your child swims at a meet, they are charged a specific dollar amount for each event they swim, typically \$8-\$12.

The team uses an escrow system so that the USA Swimming fee is put in an escrow account and money is deducted from the account as your child swims meets and when we pay their annual USA Swimming Registration.

Once the initial \$100 has been depleted, families will need to replenish the account periodically throughout the year. If the account is at 0 or in arrears, parents will not be able to register their

child for meets so it is necessary for families to keep tabs of their accounts and be sure they are replenished. **Since we use an escrow system, having a negative balance is good. Having a zero or positive balance means you need to add money to the account.**

**WATER RAT SWIM TEAM**  
**Westport Weston Family YMCA**  
**2020-2021 Short Course Practice Schedule**  
***Subject to Change***

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
White A	5:45-6:30pm (FTP)		5:45 -6:30pm (FTP)				
White B	6:30 - 7:15pm (FTP)		6:30-7:15 (FTP)				
Red	OFF	A group 5:45 – 6:30 pm B group - 6:30 - 7:15pm	OFF	A group 6:30-7:15 pm B group – 5:45 - 6:30pm	OFF	11:15 am - Noon	
Blue	5:15 - 6:00pm	OFF	5:15-6:15pm	OFF	A group – 4:30-5:30 pm B group – 5:30-6:30pm	11:15 am - Noon	
Discovery III	6:00-7:00 pm	OFF	5:15-6:30pm	OFF	OFF	8:45-9:45 am	
Discovery II	OFF	5:15 – 6:15pm	6:30 – 7:30pm	5:15 – 6:30 pm	OFF	8:45-9:45 am	
Discovery I	5:15 – 6:30pm	5:15 - 6:30pm	6:15-7:30pm	5:15 - 6:30pm	OFF	8:45-9:45 am	
Challenger II	7:00 – 8:15pm	6:30-7:45pm	OFF	6:30-8:00pm	5:15-6:45pm	9:45-11:15am	
Challenger I	6:30 – 8:00pm	6:15 – 7:45pm	OFF	6:30-8:00pm	5:15-6:45pm	9:45-11:15am	
Senior III	7:00-8:15pm	6:15 – 7:45pm pm	OFF	6:30-8:00pm	5:15-6:45pm	9:45-11:15am	
Senior II		3:15 – 5:15pm	5:30-6:30am** 3:15 – 5:15pm	3:15 – 5:15pm	3:15 – 5:15 pm	5:45-8:45am	

	3:15 – 5:15 pm						
Senior I	3:15 – 5:15 pm	5:30- 6:30am**  3:15 – 5:15pm	3:15 – 5:15 pm	5:30- 6:30am**  3:15 – 5:15pm	3:15 – 5:15 pm	5:45- 8:45am  3:00- 5:00pm**	

*FTP=Family Teaching Pool*

*\*\*Start Date to be Announced.*