Academy Bullets Swim Club – Schaumburg Location

2023-2024 Registration Packet

Welcome to another exciting season for the Academy Bullets Swim Club. All the registration information for the 2023-2024 Fall/Winter season can be found in this packet.

Please read through all items carefully, as registered families are responsible for all information covered in this packet.

This packet contains many informational items on the team, including but not limited to:

- fees and payment structure
- meet entry information and charges
- team equipment
- parent worker / fundraising responsibilities,
- notification of leaving the team

All Academy Bullets Swim Club members should review this packet prior to beginning online registration. More information can be found on our web site at www.academybullets.com. Please contact our Team Administrator at admin@academybullets.com if you have any questions.

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General Registration Information

Registration Opens: Registration will begin on August 7, 2023 for all returning swimmers. Returning Bullets families who register prior to 11:59pm on August 19, 2023 will receive a $25 discount per swimmer signed up. New swimmers making the team will register after tryouts are complete.

All returning members must be registered by August 28, 2023 to guarantee their spot on the team.

Returning Members: Returning swimmers are those members that completed the entire Spring/Summer 2023 season (April thru July 2023) with the Academy Bullets Swim Club.

> ***Important*** - Any swimmers that did not compete for the Academy Bullets Swim Club this past summer season must be evaluated by a member of the coaching staff. See **Tryout Evaluations** for info.

Locations: The Academy Bullets Swim Club has a number of locations in Illinois. When going through the registration process, please be sure to register for the correct location.

Groups: Returning members should register for the group they were in the previous season unless listed on the group placement sheet as changing groups. Returning swimmers who register prior to the group placement updates being posted will have their billing/groups adjusted accordingly. New members making our swim team will register for the group which they were placed in.

Team Fees: The team fees listed below are for the Fall/Winter season only – August 31, 2023 thru late March 2024. We are adding the additional month of swimming as many of our athletes stay in the water during this time. We have calculated the winter team fees (short course season) for all of the groups and have divided that number by 7. These 7 payments will encompass your team fees for the 2023-24 Fall/Winter swim season.

We will again be offering a discount to families who have 3 or more members on the team. Swimmer #3 and above will be discounted at 20% their group fee. The discount for families of 3 or more swimmers will be applied after your initial registration. Please email Coach Kelly (admin@academybullets.com) if you have questions on the multiple swimmer discount. Below are the team fees broken down in 7 payments:

Group	7 Installments Of:
IncrediBULLETS	*$83.00*
Bronze	*$104.75*
Silver 1	*$156.75*
Silver 2	*$208.00*
Gold	*$300.50*
Senior	*$300.50*
High School Senior	*$192.00*
Elite	*$359.00*
High School Elite	*$224.00*
*****High School Senior & High School Elite registration is for swimmers that will competing for their high school team during a portion of the swim season and not with the Academy Bullets*****	

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Payment Information/Policies: Please read through all the payment information below, as there have been some slight changes from previous seasons.

1. **First payment:** When you register, you will be billed the first installment. This installment will count as your September payment.
    - There is an $87 USA Swimming/Illinois Swimming registration fee for all members for the 2023-24 short course season. This is done through families USA Swimming account. New families will receive USA Swimming registration details. Returning families will register through their USA Swimming account after Sept. 1, 2023.
    - There is also one-time $65 Academy Bullets registration fee for all registered athletes each season.
    - If you are transferring from another USA Swimming club, you will go through this process on the USA Swimming account you have created for USA Swimming registration. There is a $10 transfer fee to Illinois Swimming families will be billed once the transfer goes through.
    - All of these items will be billed at the first payment only.

2. **Subsequent payments:** You will be automatically billed on the first of the month in October, November, December, January, February, and March.
    - Swimmers who register late will need to make up any missed payments that have been processed before they may begin practice.
    - Any team fee payment received after the 15th of the month will incur a $20 late fee.

How to Register Online: Our registration process is very simple. Click on the "Register Here" button on the home page of the website and follow the easy steps to sign-up for the season. Returning members will need to be signed into the web site to have their account ready to go.

You will be asked electronically sign a number of policy agreements regarding the team (medical release, liability waiver, billing, family worker requirement & fundraising, and notification of withdrawal). Please print these for your records as families will be held responsible for these items.

Once your sign-up is complete, you will receive a confirmation email. Your account will list "pending team approval" once you are complete. That is normal and is our way of making sure families sign up correctly. Only those families who are current members or been placed on our team via an evaluation will be allowed to register for the team.

Meet Fees and other charges: Once the meet deadline passes, no changes will be made to our team entry and families are responsible for any meet fees for entries submitted, even if the swimmer does not attend the meet. Meets will be billed as they occur. Families will be notified via email regarding any meet fees to be processed. There is a $5.00 Bullets surcharge for each swimmer that attends a local meet in addition to the charges due to the meet host. Meets outside of the state of Illinois (travel meets) may have a different surcharge depending on location and days of competition. Families should have a credit card/checking account on file for these charges.

There are fundraising and family worker requirements (hosted events) for our swim club as well. Complete details on these can be found on page 5 of this registration packet.

Team News & Practice Info: Practices are offered every day of the week depending on the practice group. Practices may be canceled periodically. Schedule changes will always be posted on our team web site on the Home page, the News page, and on our monthly calendars for each group. Our general practice schedule will be made available on our web site once it is approved by all our facilities.

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Team Equipment & Apparel

We have apparel fittings at each of our locations once per season. Order forms are distributed via email at the beginning of each season to member families. If you are unable to make one of our fittings, you can order online through our team web site at by clicking on the **Shop Online** tab.

Important Information on Apparel:

1. All swimmers must have a team suit to compete in meets.

2. The only swim cap that may be worn at practice and swim meets is an Academy Bullets team cap. Each new swimmer will receive a latex cap at the first day of practice. Additional latex and silicone caps can be purchased from your coach. Personalized swim caps (with swimmer's name and our club logo) are only ordered once per season and will be available during the fittings.

Below is a breakdown of the equipment needs for each group within our swim club. Swimmers are required to have these items at practice each day. Swimmers may purchase additional items not required for their group.

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IncrediBULLETS	*Mesh Bag, Fins*
Bronze Team	*Mesh Bag, Fins*
Silver I Team	*Mesh Bag, Fins, Junior Snorkel*
Silver II Team	*Mesh Bag, Fins, Snorkel*
Gold Team	*Mesh Bag, Stroke Maker Paddles, Pull Buoy, Zoomers, Snorkel, Tempo Trainer*
Senior Team	*Mesh Bag, Stroke Maker Paddles, Pull Buoy, Zoomers, Snorkel, Tempo Trainer*
Elite Team	*Mesh Bag, Stroke Maker Paddles, Pull Buoy, Zoomers, Snorkel, Tempo Trainer*

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Family Worker Requirement & Fundraising

The Academy Bullets Swim Club depends a great deal on the support of all parents to run the program. Fundraising helps cover many of our costs. It helps to provide the best environment for our swimmers. Fundraising responsibilities are divided out by families and not by number of swimmers. Below are our annual fundraising activities. Additional activities may be added at a later date.

Proposed Fall / Winter Season Hosted Meet Schedule

- Intrasquad Meets (Dates TBD)
- Speedo Fall Open swim meet (annual) - October 2023 at Marmion Academy
- Speedo Thanksgiving Classic swim meet (annual) – November 2023 at Riverside Brookfield High School
- Annual Advertising Campaign (December) – Optional Fundraiser for all families
- Speedo Invitational swim meet (annual) – January 2024 at Marmion Academy & Oswego East High School

There will be approximately 5 volunteer sessions (session lasts approximately 4 hours) required per family for the entire Fall/Winter season. Exact details will be emailed out at the start of the season.

Tentative Spring / Summer Season

- Speedo Spring Swimtacular swim meet (annual) - May 2024. Each family that signs up to compete in the meet will be responsible for one (1) worker session.
- Fundraising Through Fitness (annual) – June/July 2024 at all locations.

Those families that are members of the Academy Bullets Swim Club agree to commit their services to the fundraising projects stipulated by the Academy Bullets Swim Club. Each family is responsible for a certain number of worker sessions per season at our hosted events listed above. The total number of sessions required will be emailed out at the beginning of each season. Sign-up for sessions will be on a first come, first serve basis at the beginning of each season. Any family failing to complete all of their required sessions will be billed at $100/session missed.

Please note this is NOT a financial opt-out provision, as the club needs EVERY SINGLE worker session filled to make the meets run properly. The financial contribution is only for exceptional circumstances preventing the family from completing their commitment. This will be used to pay other individuals to fill those sessions. Your role as a swim parent is very important to the success of the club. We are a family and it takes everyone working together and looking out for the benefit of the team as a whole to provide the best environment possible for our swimmers and team to succeed.

In addition to hosting meets, we also have our Annual Advertising Campaign (Dec.) and Fundraising Through Fitness (June). Our Advertising Campaign is an optional fundraiser in which families solicit ads from local businesses. All ads are due in December. Program details will be emailed out to families prior to October 1st. For Fundraising Through Fitness, each family is responsible for $100 in donations. More details coming soon.

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Notification of Withdrawal

Cancellation Policy – Our policy regarding swimmers/families requesting withdrawal from the swim club became effective on August 1st, 2013.

- Swimmers will have 30 days after the first practice of the season to request withdrawal from the team. Written notification of withdrawal must be made to the Head Coach (t.capen@academybullets.com) and the Team Administrator (admin@academybullets.com).

- Swimmers who choose to withdraw from the Bullets prior to that time will be expected to pay all monthly fees thus far, any outstanding meet fees, and a $50 processing fee.

- Swimmers choosing to withdraw the team after 30 days are responsible for all team fees, meet fees submitted thus far, and fundraising obligations. Remaining fees that are owed will be collected upon withdrawal from the team. There will be No Refunds for swimmers choosing to leave the team after the 30 day period.

- If a swimmer leaves the team at any point in the season, they will not be allowed to rejoin the team that season.