

# CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT

## CPD Swim Club/ Team Sports – Program Update

September 4, 2019

As the Fall Session begins, the Chicago Park District is working hard to ensure a smooth transition into the new swim season. The planned changes taking place this year will result in more effectively serving all of our 4000+ athletes throughout the city.

As the Chicago Park District moves forward with the planned changes to service the entire city with quality swim club practices, we are making adjustments. Here is some general information that may need to be clarified.

- There is no “Swim Club” program to register for. All CPD parks are “Swim Club”.
  - Please register for the “Team Sports” program at your local park.
  - Former “Swim Club” participants may have the option of practicing with one of the dedicated club coaches on Tuesday and Wednesday at Uplift and Foster, beginning after the 9<sup>th</sup> of September.
- Dedicated club coaches will rotate a set of locations to ensure that all locations are receiving quality training during the fall season. In addition, they will also facilitate Saturday practices that will be available to the best of the CPD athletes.
  - An athlete must meet minimum standards, obtain the recommendation of the local coach and approval by the club aquatic coach to attend the Saturday practices. Attendance will be mandatory to remain on the Saturday practice squad. Approval must be given before attending Saturday practice.
  - A flyer for Saturday practice may be found at [www.CPDSwimClub.com](http://www.CPDSwimClub.com) under the “Information” tab.
- All CPD locations are part of the Chicago Park District Swim Club.
  - Every athlete registered with team sports is able to participate in local swim meets between CPD parks at no additional charge.
- In addition, athletes are welcome to register and compete at USA Swimming sanctioned swim meets via the [www.CPDSwimClub.com](http://www.CPDSwimClub.com) team website for an additional fee per meet.
  - Fees for USA Swimming sanctioned swim meets will be posted to your CPD ActiveNet accounts used to register at the CPD. Individuals will be responsible for paying and accrued fees in a timely manner.
  - Unpaid fees may result in restricted access to CPD programming.

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- Athletes that swim in USA Swimming sanctioned meets have the opportunity to qualify for Illinois Swimming State Championships, Central Zone, Sectional, Jr Nationals and even the Olympic team trials. All times achieved at USA Swimming sanctioned meets are recorded on a national database for qualifying purposes.
- The lead Instructors for each location is be posted on [www.CPDSwimClub.com](http://www.CPDSwimClub.com) under the “Coaches” Tab on the home page or in the “Information” tab.
  - You may email any coach directly from the site for more information about that specific location lessons or team practices.

The Chicago Park District is still working on addressing the following concerns;

- A survey to solicit feedback from athletes, parents, and coaches. Currently in draft.
- Come Winter and Spring sessions as most parks shift into water polo season, there will be locations that are designated as “Swimming” practice sites in each region. These locations will continue to hold swim practice during the team sports time.
  - Athletes not interested in polo that want to continue to focus on competitive swimming, will be welcome to join one of the designated swim practice locations.
  - Club Aquatic Coaches for swimming will only focus on designated swim practice locations in the winter and spring as well as Saturday Practice.
- Communications support for club members and families who speak or read other languages. Currently in the brainstorming phase.