



REGISTRATION PROCESS

2021-2022 Fall/Winter Season



2021-2022 FALL/WINTER SEASON

The Fall/Winter Season will run from September 14, 2021 through March 13, 2022. We are excited for another amazing season with the JETS! The JETS and the Greater Joliet Area YMCA continue to implement COVID-19 mitigations in accordance with the CDC and the Illinois Department of Public Health.

JETS swimmers are encouraged to come to the Y already dressed for practice, so as to limit any time spent in the locker rooms. Please also bring a water bottle to practice. Swimmers are also encouraged to purchase their own equipment. If you have any questions about what is new at the Y, please do not hesitate to reach out to Coach Dave at dhedden@jolietyymca.org or 815-782-0805.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

The most up to date practice schedule will always be linked on the JETS website. Furthermore, you can view our Google calendar, also linked from the JETS website, for any practice changes or cancellations that have been planned in advance throughout the month.

PROGRAM FEES

Swim team program fees may be paid in full at registration or paid by monthly draft. For those choosing to pay by monthly draft, **the cost of the season will be broken into six equal payments, one to be paid upon registration, and one which will be drafted on the 1st of each subsequent month starting October 1st.**

2020 Summer Season Fees

	Pay in Full	or	Registration	+	Monthly Draft
Zeppelin	\$318/season		\$53	+	\$53
Glider	\$408/season		\$68	+	\$68
Stunt Pilot	\$480/season		\$80	+	\$80
Mach 1	\$600/season		\$100	+	\$100
Mach 2	\$780/season		\$130	+	\$130
Mach 3	\$780/season		\$130	+	\$130
Moon Lander	\$780/season		\$130	+	\$130

Visit www.jetsyswimteam.org and click on **Join the JETS** via the menu at the top of the page. Follow through the steps online to register and pay with your credit/debit card. Your credit/debit card will be saved to your account for future payments. Read below for payment options and billing considerations:

Monthly Draft Option

If you choose the monthly draft option, you will pay the first month of program fees up front during registration and then draft for 5 more months from October 1 through February 1. Additionally, you will pay any outstanding balance from a previous season. If you have a credit on your account, you can apply that credit towards registration costs.

Pay in Full Option

If you choose to pay in full, you will be charged the full season program fee at registration. Additionally, you will pay any outstanding balance from a previous season. If you have a credit on your account, you can apply that credit towards registration costs.

High School Swimmers

High School Swimmers have until December 1st to register with the team. Monthly Draft for Boys and Girls are as follows:

HS Boys: Registration + October + November + December

HS Girls: Registration + December + January + February

High School Swimmers are still responsible for the Volunteer Requirements and the Fundraising Requirements even though they will not be actively swimming with the JETS for the entire season.

High School Swimmers should complete the volunteer hours themselves and are encouraged to participate in the fundraiser to avoid out-of-pocket fundraising dues.



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Financial Assistance

The YMCA does not turn anyone away for the inability to pay. Families may apply for financial assistance through the YMCA membership office. If a family qualifies, the YMCA membership fees and swim team program fees will be discounted a certain percentage. If you are receiving financial assistance through the YMCA for your membership, the swim team matches that assistance on swim team program fees. Furthermore, you will also qualify for a reduced price USA Swimming membership (Outreach Membership). Please register by choosing the **Monthly Draft (Scholarship)** billing option. You will not pay any program fees at registration, and the rest of your monthly drafts will be set up accordingly.

YMCA Membership

Per the *Rules That Govern YMCA Competitive Sports*, all swim team participants must maintain a full YMCA facility membership in good standing to be eligible to participate and compete. Visit the membership staff at a YMCA branch to ensure that you have a full membership to the Joliet YMCA that is current and in good standing. This YMCA Membership registration must be done separately through the particular Y facility you would like to join.

Note: **The joiner's fee is waived for swim team participants.**

Multiple Athlete Discount

If your family registers 3 athletes on the team, a 10% discount will automatically be applied at registration. A 15% discount will be applied to families registering 4 athletes and 20% for 5 athletes.

College Athlete Discount

Program fees will be waived for college athletes up to age 21.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

We plan to swim as many meets as feasible and in accordance with the Illinois Department of Public Health guidelines. While meets may be fewer than previous seasons, meets that we are able to conduct, whether virtual, dual, or inter squad, will require parent volunteers.

We truly need the help of all JETS families to make these meets successful, and to share the workload. Therefore, JETS families are needed to supply volunteers for all JETS hosted meets, whether at "home" or hosted at another pool by the JETS. Families will be required to work 2 sessions at meets this season. Families who do not work the required sessions at these meets will be charged \$50 per unworked session (up to \$100). Accounts will be charged on February 25, 2022. If you sign up and no-show for a worker session, you will be charged a \$50 no show fee in addition to your unfilled worker requirements. Families can opt for the Volunteer Buyout option at Registration for \$100.00.

- Sessions will be filled on a first come, first-serve basis through the job sign-up function on the team website.
- Volunteer positions must be completed in different sessions to ensure we have enough help spread throughout the meet. If two volunteers from the same family work 2 positions in the same session, it will only be credited as 1 session.
- Families can view how many sessions they have worked throughout the season by logging into their account on the team website. If you notice any discrepancy between what is listed on the website and what you believe you have worked, please contact JETS Parent Advisory Committee Chairperson Dawn Stephens (dstephens04@comcast.net) or Volunteer Coordinator Rachel Mika (rzmika@gmail.com).

Additionally, families who have swimmers competing at the State Meet will be required to complete 1 session of timing, as this is a requirement by the State committee for all teams to participate. More information will be available if your swimmer competes.

It takes a tremendous team effort to make these swim meets successful; we need help for every session of a swim meet. We are not interested in collecting more money from families; we are solely interested in having every family contribute to making our swim meets successful.

FUNDRAISING REQUIREMENT

Our fundraiser for the 2021 Fall/Winter Season will be Savory Sweets Cookie Dough Fundraiser. The fundraiser is mandatory so that the JETS swim team can maintain their operating budget. Information regarding the fundraising requirements will be available at the Parent Meeting on September 12, 2021. If you are unable to participate in the cookie dough fundraiser, you may obtain team sponsorships or opt out of the fundraising and pay directly. To fulfill the fundraising requirement for 1 swimmer, a family must sell 21 units, 2+ swimmers in a family will be required to sell 42 units to fulfill the fundraising requirement. The opt out amount for 1 athlete is \$150 and \$300 for 2+ athletes.



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Your options for the fundraising requirement are as follows:

1. Participate in the fall fundraiser
2. Obtain team sponsorships
3. Opt out and pay (can be done during registration)

Waiver of fundraising: If you are looking for impactful ways to contribute to the team as an alternative to fundraising, considering becoming a member of the JETS Parent Advisory Council (JPAC). Volunteers in key positions on JPAC have fundraising waived. These are critical roles that we are always in need of help for, so if you are interested in becoming more involved, please contact JETS Parent Advisory Committee Chairperson Dawn Stephens (dstephens04@comcast.net).

JETS OFFICIALS

To be able to successfully schedule and run meets we need to have officials within our Jets team. If you are interested in becoming an official, please reach out to Coach Ashleigh ASAP. Typical requirements to maintain an Administrative Official and/or Stroke and Turn Official Position include officiating at three meets, two of which can be Jets meets. After successful completion of the Officials Training, any Jets official can fulfill their volunteer requirements by officiating at two Jets meet and fulfill their fundraising requirement by officiating at 2 of our away meets.

ABOUT THE JETS PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (JPAC)

Working with the Director of Competitive Aquatics and the Aquatics & Risk Management Operations Director, and reporting to the Metropolitan Board of Directors, the JETS Parent Advisory Council is delegated a measure of responsibility and authority to develop, advise and support the Greater Joliet Area YMCA JETS Swim Team in the Will and Grundy County service areas. It is also responsible for building a strong and growing base of support for the YMCA mission and the Joliet JETS in the community in order that the program may expand. Anyone wishing to get involved, provide feedback or simply inquire more about the Parent Advisory Council may attend a board meeting or contact our JETS Parent Advisory Council Chairperson Dawn Stephens (dstephens04@comcast.net) at any time.

On average each year, there are around \$75,000 in operating expenses that are not covered by our program fees. The JETS Parent Advisory Council is tasked with deciding how to raise those funds each year so we do not have to significantly increase program fees.