



2019-20 Short Course Swim Team Registration **The main feeder team to District 214**

Alligator Aquatics, Inc. is a privately run, not for profit, USA Swimming club swim team. Alligator Aquatics, Inc. operates as **the Main Feeder Team to District 214**, but also attracts swimmers from all over the surroundings suburbs. Alligator Aquatics is recognized for its tradition of swimming success under its highly talented and experienced coaching staff.

Alligator Aquatics is a team dedicated to putting the athlete first. We want every athlete on our team to thrive, and live by the motto that no dream is out of reach. All of our Alligator swimmers have the potential to compete at the Local, State and National levels.

Alligator Aquatics is a close knit community of swimming families. Many families and swimmers form lifelong friendships.

Our commitment to you:

- We are dedicated to developing athletes that grow in commitment, integrity, and sportsmanship.
- We are dedicated to keeping our coaches educated in the sport of swimming on a local, state, and national level. All coaches are USA swimming and ASCA certified.
- We provide ongoing opportunities for all athletes to achieve their own personal goals. No goal is too small or too big!

Mandatory Parent Meeting

We have a **mandatory** parent meeting at the beginning of the each season. It is required for **all** parents. It will take place at St. Viator High School in their Commons. (Enter through main door on Oakton and turn left and go down the hall till the end) Date is TBD. Please check website and e-mail for further information.

Alligator Team Accomplishments

In recent years we have had repeating State Champions at the Illinois Swimming State Championships, Multiple USA Sectional and Junior National Qualifiers, a Junior National Champion in two events and two swimmers who competed in the 2008, 2012 and 2016 Olympic trials! In addition, we had one swimmer that competed in the 2016 Paralympic trials and is currently ranked in the top 20 in the world in 4 events!

Our college swim team placement rate is 98% for all those wishing to continue swimming. We are currently represented at Oshkosh, St. Louis University, Southern Illinois University, University of Illinois, Ball State, Louisiana State University, and Cincinnati University.

Registering for Alligator Aquatics

ONLINE REGISTRATION:

Registration must be completed online prior to practicing with AA. You will create an online account and provide one or two e-mail addresses by which you will receive all AA team communication. Here you will have access to your personal information, financial account, swim meet sign-up, etc. Your primary e-mail address will be used as the user name to log in to this account. Meet reminders, group notifications, last minute practice changes are all sent via e-mail so please make sure it is an e-mail account you check on a regular basis.

USA SWIMMING REGISTRATION:

All AA swimmers must be registered with USA swimming. If you are new to USA swimming, you must complete a registration form and turn it in to the Registrar. This annual membership allows athletes to practice with AA and compete in USA swimming sanctioned swim meets. USA swimming provides supplemental insurance coverage for all swimmers. The \$77 USA swimming membership fee is in addition to the tuition fees for the AA program. The form for athlete ISI registration is available at www.ilswim.org.

CLUB TRANSFERS:

All swimmers who transfer from another USA swimming team to join AA must swim unattached for 120 days following the last date of competition as a member of the prior team. While, unattached, a swimmer may practice with AA and compete in meets, but may not represent AA or compete on relays until the 120-day period has expired. There is a small fee that gets paid to USA swimming when your child transfers to a new team. Please contact Head Coach for details.

TEAM TUITION & FEES:

Your tuition account is used to cover pool rentals, coach's salary, operating expenses, awards, website and other administrative fees. Each swimmer's tuition is based on the group that they are placed in.

At time of registration, you will provide a method of payment for tuition and any future meet entry fees accrued. ACH and credit card charges are withdrawn typically on the first of each month and will deduct the entire amount owed for that billing period. It is strongly encouraged to keep a credit card on file so your account is kept current.

Late Payments and Fees:

For accounts that are greater than 60 days past due, you will receive two notices via email to pay your bill. If not, AA reserves the right to charge your credit card prior to the end of the season. For any written request made before the start of the season, AA will issue a full refund, less a 3% credit card processing fee (minimum \$20) for credit card processing fees incurred by the club.

After the season begins, prorated refunds will only be issued to swimmers who incur a season ending illness or injury subject to the Head Coach's discretion and approval.

Members who write checks with non-sufficient funds, do not have the required funds for an ACH withdrawal, or an expired/invalid credit card, must re-submit payment along with a \$35 fee (\$25 goes to the merchant company and \$10 is an administrative fee). This fee will be noted on the member's online account. Payment must be made within one week of notification, or a one-time, additional \$40 charge will be added.

DISCOUNTS AND SPECIAL OFFERS:

1. Multiple Swimmer Discount (college swimmers excluded):

Families with two or more swimmers registering for the FULL SEASON of their swimmers' levels will receive the following discount starting with the highest level of swimmer being #1, next level down is swimmer #2, and so on:

\$ 30.00 off registration fee for 2nd swimmer

\$ 60.00 off registration fee for 3rd swimmer

\$ 90.00 off registration fee for 4th swimmer

2. Team T-Shirt & Swim Cap:

Team t-shirts and team caps will be included only if registered by September 20, 2019.

2019-20 SHORT COURSE FEE SCHEDULE

(These fees do NOT include the required USA Swimming \$77 registration fee or transfer fees (if needed).)

Payment plans are available. Partial season fees will include \$60 admin fee.

Fall/Winter Fee Schedule

<u>Group</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>3 pmts</u>
Green	Sept. 9th – Feb. 27th, 2020	\$405.00	\$155.00
Silver	Sept. 9th-Feb. 27th, 2020	\$540.00	\$200.00
Gold	Sept. 9th-Mar. 5th, 2020 or last championship meet	\$735.00	\$265.00
Blue	Sept. 9th-Mar. 5th, 2020 – or last championship meet	\$900.00	\$320.00
Senior	Sept. 9th – Mar. 5th, 2020 or last championship meet	\$960.00	\$340.00
Sr. H.S. Boys	Sept. 9th- Nov. 24th & post HS to Feb 28th	\$540.00	\$200.00
Sr. H.S.Girls	Nov. 18th- Mar. 5th, 2020 (may start after last HS meet)	\$630.00	\$230.00
X-Treme	Sept. 9th- Mar. 5th, 2020	\$1020.00	\$360.00
X-T H.S. Boys	Sept. 9th-Nov. 24th & post HS to Mar. 5th, 2020	\$570.00	\$210.00
X-T H.S. Girls	Nov. 18th – Mar. 5th, 2020	\$660.00	\$240.00
Masters	Sept. 9th- April 17th, 2020	\$555.00	\$205.00

*****Payment plans are available and will be an option during on-line registration. All payment plans must have final payment in by February 1, 2020*****

Current Member Registration is strongly encouraged by August 10th

Alligator Program Requirements

Alligator Aquatics is open to swimmers ages 5 and up. Swimmers ages 8 and under must be able to swim 25 yards of both freestyle and backstroke efficiently. Swimmers 10 and over must complete 50 yards freestyle and backstroke efficiently.

ALLIGATOR PRACTICE GROUPS:

1. Age Group Team

Green Gators: Developmental swimmers ages 5-8 yrs. Practices will be 85% stroke correction and 15% training. This level is pre-competitive. Swimmers may swim in meets upon discussion and agreement with the coaches, however competition is not expected.

- 2 practices a week are recommended.

Silver Gators: Swimmers ages 9 and under. Practices will be between 30% training and 70% stroke corrections depending on the swimmer's ability. This level is early-competitive. Attending the Alligator meets is all that is expected. Additional meets are optional and should be discussed with the coaches.

- 3 practices a week are recommended.

Gold Gators: Swimmers ages 10 and under, and 11 year olds newer to the sport of swimming. The focus in practice will be 40% stroke correction and 60% training. These swimmers should have grasped the basics of swimming and be legal in all four of the competitive strokes. This level is expected to attend one meet a month.

- 3 to 4 practices a week are recommended.

Blue Gators: Swimmers ages 11-12 (exceptions are rare, but considered by the head coach, for swimmers with unique circumstances). The focus in this group is age group appropriate conditioning. Progression through this group takes a swimmer from solid age group practices to more focused, age group competitive conditioning. Swimmers are expected to commit to training on a regular basis, as more advanced methods of training are introduced at this level. This level is expected to attend a minimum of one meet a month and any upper level swim meet for which a swimmer qualifies.

- 3 to 4 practices a week are recommended.

2. Senior Team

Senior Gators: Swimmers ages 13 and over (exceptions are considered for swimmers with 11/12 age group state cuts and a high level of training integrity). This group will work on conditioning and technique. Training at this level ranges from HS conditioning to more advanced over all, and swimmers will practice at an appropriate level for their ability. The focus in this group is to prepare swimmers for HS swimming, and for college swimmers desiring basic summer conditioning. This level is expected to compete in the Alligator home meet, and at least 1 additional meet in the SC season. They are expected to swim in any upper level meet for which they qualify.

- 4 to 5 practices a week are recommended.

X-Treme: This group is by **Head Coach Approval Only**. The focus of this group is aimed at swimmers ages 14 and over. As of 9/1/2019, only swimmers 14 and over will be considered. (Exceptions may be made for swimmers age 13 with 3+ state cuts). In order to move to X-Treme, athletes must have demonstrated a high level of training integrity, self-discipline, and positive work ethic. Attendance is expected at 90% of practices unless excused by the Head Coach. These swimmers are focused on reaching High School State and National level competitions. Championship meet participation is required. On-going communication with the Head Coach is required.

- Swimmers not holding true to the X-Treme standards will be placed in the Senior training group for a minimum of a 1 week period. Reassessment will be done at that time.
- 2 practice suits must be worn at all practices
- This group will have a limited number of athletes – College swimmers will not be a part of our capped limit.

PLEASE NOTE ~ Swimmers age as of December 1st determines level placement. Level changes within the season are allowed **ONLY** with Head Coach approval. Fees will be adjusted accordingly. Each returning swimmer must register in the level assigned by the Head Coach.

New athletes: Please sign up for the level that best suits your child. If you are unsure which level is most appropriate, please contact Head Coach, Stacy Cassiday to discuss headcoach@alligatoraquatics.org. All swimmers will be reviewed during the first week of practices to assure their group placement is a good fit.

Meet Fees

Swimmers will be charged **per event** entered, as well as any additional fees charged by the meet host. These fees will be noted in the meet packet.

Meet entry fees: A “meet entry fee” is the cost for participation in swim meets. AA will initially cover the cost of the entries and then will invoice each participant for the amount owed. Once the entries for a swim meet have been turned in to the host team, the swimmer is responsible for their entry fees whether they swim at the meet or not.

Regular Season Meets: Swimmers will be charged per event entered. In addition, many meet hosts are beginning to charge per-swimmer fees at the time of meet entry for facilities, admission, \$2 ISI and/or other miscellaneous fees. All of these meet host fees will be charged through to Alligator member accounts. Please refer to the host team's meet packet on the Alligator website at the time of meet registration for specific host team fees.

Championship and Prelim-Final Meets: As with regular season meets, please refer to the host team's meet packet on the Alligator website for any other facilities, admission, and/or miscellaneous fees which will be charged by the meet host. Each participant of a championship meet (regional and state) will have a shirt order for them. This will be billed to your account and will cost approximately \$15.

SIGNING UP FOR MEETS:

All meet entry should be done on the AA website. On the home page should be a list of meets the team is planning on attending. Please make sure you sign up your swimmer prior to the deadline, otherwise there is no guarantee your child can get into the meet. You click on the “attend/decline” tab and it will take you to the meet page that provides information about the meet including the meet packet. Once you agree to attend the meet you choose what events you want to swim and confirm. All events are subject to Head Coach approval.

Comments can be added in the note section and can include the events they would like to do or if they can only attend one day of the meet.

Parent Volunteer Commitments

HOME MEETS:

Our home meets are our #1 fundraisers for the team. All AA families are required to work these meets. AA usually hosts one meet per season. Most parents choose to work the session their child is swimming in. There are a variety of jobs available that allow to still see your swimmer swim. For example, timing, concessions, officiating, admissions, announcing, safety marshal, etc. If unable to attend the meet, we do offer an opt-out fee of \$90, however, we would prefer to have your time and support of the team.

Sign-up for jobs and food/drink donations will be available on the AA website as the meet approaches. Reminder e-mails will also be sent out.

AWAY MEETS:

Sometimes a host club will request volunteer timers for a specific session of their meet. If so, an e-mail will be sent out, prior to the meet, to the parents who have a swimmer in that particular session. A sign-up will be added to that meet page. Each family who attends an away meet is expected to time during the season.

FUNDRAISING:

We are always looking for more help and appreciate any volunteer experience you have to offer! Whether it is helping to fun a fundraiser or organize a party for swimmers/parents. We are open to any new ideas or opportunities you may have!

Team Communication

Our main form of communication is our web site www.alligatoraquatics.org. Your swimmer will also have a mailbox on deck at St. Viator High School. The swimmer is responsible for checking the mailbox on a regular basis. Notifications will go to the e-mails you have associated with your account. Please check the website for updates on current team news.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

Once you are on the AA home page, please click on the “Team Calendar” tab at the top and that will list the daily practice times and locations for each training group. Please check the calendar every day to make sure there are no last minute practice time/pool location changes.

E-mails/Texts will be used when needed. Address of pool locations are located on the website.

MEET INFORMATION:

A list of all meets for the season are listed on the home page. If you click on the meet, you will see the host’s team meet packet, which will detail all pertinent information. Also, if you signed your swimmer up to attend a meet, you will receive an informational e-mail the week of the meet detailing pool location, psych sheets, timelines, warm-up times, etc.

Team Attire

We are a Speedo sponsored team – suits and caps must be Speedo brand. Each swimmer is required to purchase one AA team suit. It can be purchased at The Swim Team Store, 830 Seton Court, Suite 9, Wheeling, IL. Phone (224) 676-0344. Just let them know that you are with the Alligator Aquatics and they will have our suit on file. We also have additional team apparel and equipment that will be available for you to order as well, all of which is available at discounted team rates. On the AA home page, you will notice a tab for “Gator Shop,” which directly links you to the AA team page at The Swim Team Store. This will give you the convenience of purchasing apparel and equipment from home. An AA cap will be provided upon registration. Please look for it in your mailbox.

Liability/Medical Release Form

Each swimmer needs to complete a Liability/Medical release form that can be found under the “Information/Docs” tab on the website. A hard copy of the form must be turned in for your registration to be complete. You can give the completed form to your coach or place in the Strahammer folder on deck at St. Viator.

Questions

Bring your questions to the Parent Meeting or contact:

Head Coach: **Stacy Cassiday** 847-337-3331 – headcoach@alligatoraquatics.org

Head Coach Age Group Coach: **Patrick Richardson** patrickrchrdsn@gmail.com

Membership Chairman (Registrar): **Carolyn Strahammer** - registrar@alligatoraquatics.org

Team President: **Vincent Wiltse** 847-269-1424 - president@alligatoraquatics.org

Team Website: www.alligatoraquatics.org

Alligator Aquatics

P.O. Box 1216

Arlington Heights, IL 60006-1216

Registration Form 2019-20 Short Course Season

register online and then - fill out hard copy and turn in to registrar before 1st practice

Swimmer(s) Information

First Swimmer

Second Swimmer

First Name: _____ MI: _____

First Name: _____ MI: _____

Last Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Athletes Cell: _____

Athletes Cell: _____

Athletes email: _____

Athletes Email: _____

Age: ____ Birthdate: _____ Grade: _____

Age: ____ Birthdate: _____ Grade: _____

Shirt size _____

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Circle Group:

Green Silver Gold Blue Black Xtreme

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Address, City & Zip _____

Preferred phone number for practice change information _____

What High School do you attend? _____

What year will you graduate? _____

Parent Information

Father's Name: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

REGISTRATION FEES WORKSHEET

Registration Fees \$ _____

Outstanding monies owed from previous season \$ _____

*****ISI fee if needed***** (\$77.00) \$ _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES DUE \$ _____

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Consent Form

Family Name _____

I agree to have my name, phone number(s), email address, mailing address, child(ren)'s name, age, and swim level printed in the Alligator Aquatics Directory.

Signature _____ Date _____

I do NOT agree to have my name, phone number, and address printed in the Alligator Aquatics Directory.

Signature _____ Date _____

I consent to have my child(ren)'s picture posted on the Alligator Aquatics website. (e.g., team picture, group photo(s), and individual pictures, pictures for newspaper articles, etc.) Please note: no athlete's name will be included on our website without additional consent.

Signature _____ Date _____

I do NOT consent to have my child(ren)'s picture posted on the Alligator Aquatics website.

Signature _____ Date _____

Liability/Medical Release

Each swimmer will need a separate form

Liability/Medical Release Form ORIGINAL

Print Your Last Name Here

If I am injured while participating in programs with the Alligator Aquatics, my family and I agree to waive any legal claim against USA Swimming, and those associated with USA Swimming, Illinois Swimming Inc. (ISI), Arlington Heights Park District, School District 214, Saint Viator HS, Harper College, Plum Grove Park District, Alligator Aquatics, and each of their respective officers, directors, Board Members, employees, agents and independent contractors. I give consent for the Alligator Aquatics to provide medical/athletic-training attention, transportation and emergency medical services as warranted. If I am injured while traveling to or from the Alligator Aquatics by public, private or any other means of conveyance, I agree to waive any legal claim USA Swimming, Illinois Swimming Inc. (ISI), Arlington Heights Park District, School District 214, Saint Viator HS, Harper College, Plum Grove Park District, Alligator Aquatics, and each of their respective officers, directors, Board Members, employees, agents and independent contractors. By signing this release, I swear that I am in good physical condition and am not aware of any disease or injury that would result in my being injured during any program participation. If I am under 18 years of age my parent or guardian shall sign this release with me.

Print Name of swimmer: _____ Swimmers Gender (M/F) _____

Signature of Swimmer: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian (If athlete is under the age of 18) _____ Date _____

To whom it may concern:

I/We do herewith authorize the treatment by a qualified and licensed medical doctor of the following in the event of a medical emergency which, in the opinion of the attending physician, may endanger his/her life, cause disfigurement, physical impairment, or undue discomfort if delayed. This authority is granted only after a reasonable effort has been made to reach a guardian (if athlete is under the age of 18). I/We do also attest that the questions answered below are accurate.

Name of athlete: _____ Signature of athlete _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian (If athlete is under the age of 18) _____ Date: _____

Please check the appropriate answer. (All information will be kept confidential)

Yes No

() () Has the athlete ever been hospitalized, or had surgery, a major injury or serious medical illness? (If YES, please specify):

() () Is the athlete currently under the care of a physician for a medical problem or currently taking medication? (If YES, please specify):

() () Has any physician ever recommended or do you feel that there should be limits placed on participation in competitive sports? (If YES, please specify):

() () Does the athlete have any known allergies to medications? (If YES, please specify):

() () Has the athlete ever blacked out or lost consciousness during physical activity? (If YES, please specify):

() () Does the athlete wear contact lenses?

() () This athlete is in good physical condition and has no condition or impairment which would impair participation or endangered their health in a physical training program.

Family Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency contact: _____ Phone: _____

Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy #: _____