



**USA Swimming  
Short Course Season  
Begins 9/6/2022**

HEAT's mission is to develop highly motivated and successful individuals to maximize their potential in and out of the pool.

Explorers Aquatic Club (EAC) was founded in 1986. EAC was renamed Hudson Explorers Aquatic Team (HEAT) in 1999 and is known throughout the area as a first-class, year-round competitive USA swim program. HEAT offers a guided age-group program for children age 5 and up. HEAT has been awarded a Bronze Medal Club status from USA swimming as one of the top 200 clubs in America several times over the past 10 years.

We offer training groups for the beginning swimmer to the most competitive and skilled swimmer. When a young person becomes a member of HEAT, they learn so much from goal setting, working hard, sportsmanship, team work and so much more. Swimming with HEAT provides physical, emotional and intellectual skills that will last a lifetime.

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**NEW TO HEAT**  
**HEAT Tryout & Group Placement**

*Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 12:00pm*  
@ Eastwood Elementary Pool

*Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm-7:30pm*  
@ Eastwood Elementary Pool

**\*\*Swimmers must complete the google form and reserve a time on [www.hudsonheat.com](http://www.hudsonheat.com)**

**\*\* NEW SWIMMERS ONLY\*\*** This tryout and group placement is for new HEAT swimmers so we can evaluate each new swimmer to see if they are ready for HEAT swimming and which group they should be assigned to.

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**FALL Short Course Registration/Apparel Ordering**

*Wednesday August 31<sup>st</sup> 6:00pm*  
@ Eastwoods Elementary School Commons

**Welcome Pool Party and Cook Out – All HEAT Families**

*Friday Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>*  
@ Eastwoods Elementary/Pool

**HEAT New Family Orientation**

*Wed Sept 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00pm*  
@ Hudson Middle School Auditorium

**HEAT Swim-A-Thon Fundraiser**

*October 14<sup>th</sup>*

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**Senior Groups Descriptions and Expectations**

**High School 1:**

This group will be by invitation only by the Head Coach. Swimmers that participate in this group will be **REQUIRED to attend at least 5 practices a week including dryland\* and weights.** Swimmers in this group will also participate in specified USA meets with events being selected by the coaching staff. This group is a privilege and designed for swimmers that are serious and committed to the growth and development of their swimming careers. Swimmers in this group should set and establish clear goals and set up a goal meeting with the coaching staff. HS 1 swimmers should be HS district meet level qualifiers or equivalent.

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**High School 2:**

This group will run from September through the beginning of the HS Varsity season in early November. HS 2 group swimmers will also be able to practice after their HS season is complete in February through May and are expected to swim at a USA Championship meet in March. This group is designed for the less serious and competitive High School swimmer or incoming freshman.

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**National Group:**

This group will be by invitation only by the Head Coach for swimmers that have USA Sectional cuts or faster, or approved by the coaching staff. Swimmers that participate in this group will be **REQUIRED to attend all practices each week including dryland\* and weights.** Swimmers in this group will also participate in specified USA meets with events being selected by the coaching staff. This group is a privilege and designed for swimmers that are serious and committed to the growth and development of their swimming careers. If a swimmer fails to meet the practice/meet requirements they will be removed from the National group. The National group will be provided with HEAT National team gear and will be committed to the group for 1 year, during the Short Course and Long Course seasons. Swimmers in this group should set and establish clear goals and set up a goal meeting with the coaching staff.

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## Age Group Descriptions and Expectations

### Novice:

Our Novice group is intended for beginner swimmers. This group will be a pre-competitive group, meaning the Novice group members will not be required to participate in USA meets, but will have an opportunity to swim a HEAT hosted meet at the end of the season. This group will allow swimmers to be a part of the HEAT team and gain expert coaching and learn valuable swimming skills. These swimmers will focus solely on stroke technique for all 4 competitive strokes. Swimmers should have passed at least Level IV of ARC swim lessons or equivalent to join and be able to swim Freestyler and Backstroke proficiently.

### Level 1:

Level 1 swimmers are generally new to USA Swimming or moving from our Novice program, and need to develop proper stroke technique. These swimmers will focus solely on stroke technique along with learning starts, turns, and finishes. Swimmers should have an understanding of all 4 competitive strokes and at least 1 meet is required for swimmers to move to Level 2.

### Level 2:

Level 2 swimmers start to build endurance with continued focus on stroke technique. Practices will be geared towards skills and fundamental development. Level 2 group swimmers should be able to swim all 4 strokes legally for at least 25 yards and be able to dive in from the starting blocks.

### Level 3:

Level 3 swimmers continue to build endurance with continued focus on stroke technique. Practices will be geared towards skills and fundamental development and also begin to learn proper racing strategies. Level 3 group swimmers should have an understanding of how to read the pace clock and handle minimal sendoffs in practice. Swimmers in this group should be swimming all 4 competitive strokes at various distances.

### Level 4:

Level 4 swimmers continue to build endurance with continued focus on stroke technique. Swimmers in the Level 4 group are transitioning into the more advanced groups with HEAT. Practices will still focus on stroke improvement. Racing and training will also be developed as well. Understanding how to read the pace clock and calculate practice sendoffs is a must for swimmers in this group.

### Level 5:

Level 5 swimmers will start to learn racing strategies and be introduced into more endurance training. Swimmers in Level 5 should be making more of commitment to swimming by setting goals and knowing what it will take to accomplish them. Swimmers should be able to compete and train in all 4 strokes in all distances.

### Level 6:

Level 6 is an advanced level age group swimmer. This group is comprised of mostly but not limited to swimmers 11-14 year olds. Practices are designed for more intense training but still with focus on stroke development and racing strategies. Level 6 swimmers should have a major commitment to swimming and HEAT and have established goals.

### National Age Group:

This group will be by invitation only by the Head Coach for swimmers that have USA Sectional cuts or faster, or approved by the coaching staff. Swimmers in this group will be swimmers that are not in High School. Swimmers that participate in this group will be **REQUIRED to attend all practices each week including dryland\* and weights.** Swimmers in this group will also participate in specified USA meets with events being selected by the coaching staff. This group is a privilege and designed for swimmers that are serious and committed to the growth and development of their swimming careers. If a swimmer fails to meet the practice/meet requirements, they will be removed from the National group. The National group will be provided with some HEAT National team gear and will be expected to remain in the group for 1 year, during the Short Course and Long Course seasons. Swimmers in this group should set and establish clear goals and set up a goal meeting with the coaching staff.

## HEAT VOLUNTEER POLICY

To run a quality program like HEAT we require all of our families to help in many different ways during the season. We host several meets and need sometimes over a hundred volunteers for a weekend meet. Age Group families will be responsible for fulfilling 3 jobs slots, one of which must be at a Championships meet. Full Policy available at [www.hudsonheat.com](http://www.hudsonheat.com)



## 2022-2023 Short Course Season (Labor Day till Memorial Day)

GROUP	Season Fee	Or	6 Installments Payment
Novice	\$350		\$63
Level 1	\$400		\$71
Level 2	\$450		\$80
Level 3	\$525		\$92
Level 4	\$725		\$125
Level 5	\$725		\$125
Level 6	\$800		\$138
National Age Group	\$850		\$145
HS 1 *Monthly fee billed 4 installments)	\$400		\$105
HS 2 *Monthly fee billed 4 installments)	\$350		\$92
National *Monthly fee billed 4 installments)	\$450		\$117
Hospitality Fee (Per Family)	\$10		
#Administration and Registration fees for all swimmers	\$200	Novice	\$150
#USA Membership 2023 **Required by all swimmers	\$75		
#USA Swimming Flex Membership*	\$25		
(*1 time only, for Novice *Some restrictions apply*)			
-Multiple swimmer discount – 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , etc.			(-\$50)

### There are two billing options:

#### Option #1: Pay In Full

- Billed entire amount for your registration at the time of checkout
- Includes Registration Admin fee, USA Swimming membership fee, and season fee
- Monthly charges billed to your account will only include meet entry fees, and any other team activities that may be offered throughout the season which you sign up for separately

#### Option #2: Monthly (5 installments for Short Course Season after initial registration)

- Only billed for 1<sup>st</sup> installment, Admin fee, Hospitality fee, and USA Swimming membership fee at the time of checkout
- From September through February\*\*, your account will be charged the monthly fee for your registration, along with any additional meet fees and any other team activities that may be offered throughout the season which you sign up for separately

\* The National, HS1 and HS2 groups will only charged 3 monthly installments after their initial registration for the Short course season. Should you have outstanding meet or team activities fees, those will be charged.

**You are required to have an active credit card on account in order to register.**

By registering your swimmer(s), you are committing to Short Course season and agreeing to the billing policies.

Regardless of whether you select the Pay In Full or Monthly payment option, if you decide to transfer or leave the season early, you are still responsible for the full tuition and will be billed the balance accordingly.

If the entire club is shut-down due to COVID, monthly tuition fees will be paused. All additional COVID circumstances, including individual and/or group quarantine mandates, will be evaluated on a case by case basis.