



HURRICANES SWIM TEAM
2020-2021
Information
PACKET



HURRICANES REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INFORMATION 2020-2021

Welcome to the Andover/North Andover YMCA Hurricane Swim Team, where we have the benefit of competing in both YMCA and USA Swimming sanctioned meets. We compete at local, regional and national level. We offer opportunities at every level of competition. For our newer swimmers, we encourage everyone to attend at least one meet. For our more advanced swimmers, our coaching staff will help your swimmer reach their goals and attend a number of championship meets. Whatever your comfort level, we have options for swimmers ages 7-18. Our team practices in both the Lawrence YMCA and Andover YMCA pools. Practice schedules will depend on group assignment. Please visit [About Us](#) for more information about our team.

As a member of the Hurricanes Swim Team there are a few requirements:

Membership: All swimmers must be an Association Member of the Merrimack Valley YMCA. Swimmers must maintain their membership to gain access to either facility. Prior to register for the team, you must create an account with the Welcome Center and have a valid billing method on file. You can do this online here: <https://www.mvymca.org/get-involved/membership/> scroll down to the "Join Now" button and complete your profile and liability waiver. You may also create a profile in person at the Welcome Center.

Team Fees: For the 2020-21 Season, team fees will be drafted monthly due to COVID-19. There will be no pay in full option. Fees will vary by training group. Training Groups will be assigned by the coaches. Fee structure will be described later in this document. A sibling discount of 10% will be applied to families with 3 or more swimmers. Valid form of payment is required to be on membership account. Swimmers are responsible for all meet fees. Meet fees are not included in your membership or team fees and will be invoiced after the meet occurs. Swimmers are responsible for all meet fees incurred past the registration deadline. The Y is responsible to pay these fees upfront; failure to attend a meet does not cancel the associated meet fees for the swimmer. A \$5 surcharge will be applied to all swimmers per meet for coaches time and travel. Team fees are subject to change at any time due to Covid 19 restrictions. Advanced notice will be sent prior to any change in team fees.



Financial Assistance: It is the goal of the Merrimack Valley YMCA to provide services for individuals and families who wish to participate in activities and programs of the YMCA regardless of their ability to pay – our application process is easy, and most importantly, completely confidential. Families who need financial assistance to participate on the Hurricanes Swim Team should contact Michelle Becotte, Business Manager at (978) 685-3541 x 116 or mbecotte@mvyymca.org

Registration: For the 2020-21 Season, priority registration will take place as follows:

Sept 5, 2020 Registration opens for Summer 2020 swimmers

Sept 8, 2020 Registration opens for Swimmers returning from 2019-2020 seasons

Sept 28, 2020 Registration opens for New Swimmers

Registration will be first come first serve within these registration periods. Registrations without valid payment method on membership file will not be able to reserve a spot on the team. Only registrations with completed membership paperwork will be accepted. A copy of proof of age (birth certificate or passport) is required to complete registrations.

Due to COVID-19 there will be limited spots per group. Wait lists will be utilized and new spots will be made available when and where it is safe to do so. State and local COVID-19 restrictions will apply. Changes may occur throughout the season and the Y will do it's best to communicate any changes that result from COVID-19 regulations and restrictions. All registrations will be processed monthly.

All registrations will be completed by YMCA administration with respect to the tiered registration dates listed above. To register fill out this form: (LINK WILL BE RELEASED ON SEPTEMBER 5th) A YMCA staff will contact you to complete your registration. You should have a valid billing method on file with the Y. Please call the Welcome Center at 9786853541 x0 to verify your billing methods prior to holding you place in line via the form.

Team Unify:

All swimmers must utilize our Team Unify website. www.anahurricanes.org A profile on our website will be necessary to receive team communication and enroll in swim meets. Do not enter any financial information into team unify, as the Y does not bill through this site. The Y does all billing through your membership profile and account. Y staff will assist anyone who needs to make a profile on the website.



Swimmer Commitment: It is encouraged that swimmers attend all practices for their assigned groups. Coaching staff understands that there are many commitments in your swimmers lives, but it will help your swimmers develop if they are committed to attending practices. If a swimmer will not attend a practice, please email: hurricanescoach@mvyymca.org and let them know.

For the 2020-21 season, it is currently unknown what the status of YMCA league and USA swim meets will look like. We encourage swimmers to attend at least one meet, but for COVID-19 safety and security, we will only encourage swimmers to participate in activities that their families deem safe. Virtual meets may be an option and swimmers will be encouraged to try to attend a virtual meet. More information about swim meets will be made available at a later time.

Most importantly we want your swimmer to feel like they are part of a team. We encourage social events, connections outside of the pool and especially cheering for your team mates. Please expect to stay for the full duration of any swim meet to support other swimmers and cheer the team on.

Parent Commitment: During a normal swim season, parents are expected to volunteer during swim meets and other activities. Jobs may include timing, vendor tables, swimmer bull-pen and information runners. There are some jobs that require certification, such as meet hosts and officials. It is unknown what jobs will be available during COVID-19 restrictions. However, we need parents participation to run a successful swim season. Our parent volunteers are appreciated and an asset to our YMCA. We will have more information about volunteer opportunities when swim meets are announced.

There is also a parents organization that helps plan meets, events and social outings. More information on this group can be found on team unify.

Season Commitment: Hurricanes swim from September through August. There are a few times during the year in which the team takes a break. Please check the team website for exact schedules and breaks. Typically there is a short course season (Sept-April) and a long course season (April- August). It is unclear at this time if the long course season will take place due to COVID-19. The long course season typically takes place outside in a 50m pool. If this type of season cannot take place, we will substitute another safe activity to the best of our abilities within the current COVID-19 rules and regulations.



Equipment: See equipment list on website. Our vendor is Varsity Swim Shop www.varsityswim.com. Hurricanes swimmers receive a discount at Varsity. Email info@varsityswim.com for more information. Extra swim caps are available for sale at the Welcome Center. Team swim caps should be worn to competition. Team t-shirts and warm ups are encouraged to be worn at meets as well.

Hurricanes 2020-2021 Training Schedule

Begins Monday, September 14th

2020-21 Hurricanes Practice Schedule

ANA- Andover/North Andover YMCA Practice

LAW- Lawrence YMCA Practice

<u>Group</u>	<u>Mon ANA</u>	<u>Tues LAW</u>	<u>Weds ANA</u>	<u>Thurs LAW</u>	<u>Fri ANA</u>	<u>Sat ANA</u>	<u>Sun LAW</u>
Tidal Wave 1	5-6p		5-6p		5-6p		
Tidal Wave 2	6-7p		6-7p		6-7p		
Typhoon 1		5-6p		5-6p		12-1p	
Typhoon 2		5-6p		5-6p		1-2p	
Tornado		6-7p		6-7p		12-1:30p	
Age Elite	7-8p		7-8p		7-8p	1:30-3p	
HS I		6-7p		6-7p			10-11:30
HS II	7-8p		7-8p		7-8p		10-11:30
PreNat	8-9p	7-8:30p	8-9p	7-8:30p	8-9p		8-10a

See COVID-19 Handbook for team check-in information and the safety of your children at practices.



2020-21 Pricing

<u>Group</u>	<u>Non-refundable deposit*</u>	<u>Monthly fee</u>
Tidal Wave 1	\$100	\$100
Tidal Wave 2	\$100	\$100
Typhoon 1	\$100	\$100
Typhoon 2	\$100	\$100
Tornado	\$110	\$110
Age Elite	\$160	\$160
HS II	\$150	150
HS I	\$130	\$130
PreNat	\$195	\$195

***Deposit will only be paid when a spot on the team is confirmed.**

Additional fees include:

YMCA Membership- described above

USA Swim Membership- described below

Meet fees- described above

USA Swimming: For the 2020-2021 Season, USA Swim Membership will be optional.

Swimmer can choose either no membership, flex membership (\$20) or premium membership (\$80).

See graphic below for more information on USA Swim. Membership levels can be upgraded during the season. Visit www.usaswimming.org for more information.



MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON		
	flex in	PREMIUM MEMBERSHIP
Premium Membership (Annual)* Our Premium membership is perfect for the kid who loves swimming on a team. This membership allows kids (and families) to unlock all the premium benefits including unlimited swim meets, Splash magazine four times per year, team recognition programs, scholastic recognition programs, access to camps and so much more! Whether kids want to just get fit or go fast, this membership opens the opportunity into meets ranging from local, state, regional, national and international competition at the Olympic Games!	flexin Our entry-level flexin membership is designed for kids who want to experience swimming on a team. This membership includes the option for two swim meets per year. It's perfect for busy families who want to get a feel for the sport and pre-team competition and allow the time flexibility to still participate in other sports and activities.	PREMIUM MEMBERSHIP (also known as Year-Round or Annual Membership)
PRICING	\$29 [†] <i>Credit this toward a Premium membership when you decide to upgrade!</i>	\$89
LENGTH	1 YEAR	1 YEAR
BENEFITS OF SWIMMING! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A sport for all ages and backgrounds! Get fit & fast! Join a sport you can do your whole life Professionally-trained coaches Build character Experience teamwork Learn a life-saving skill Meet new friends Learn time management Develop leadership skills Follow in the wake of Olympic heroes (and create your own wake!) 	✓	✓
DIGITAL WELCOME KIT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guide to getting the most out of your new sport experience 	✓	✓
BECK PASS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track swim meet times for you, your team or your favorite Olympians! Track your times for unofficial meets Special Offers and discounts from USA Swimming Partners Earn digital rewards based on your performance Get customized and personalized rankings Personalized data visualizations of your performance 	✓	✓
EDUCATION MATERIALS Access our Leadership Education And Resource Network (LEARN) for training tips, Safe Sport, nutrition, cultural inclusion guides and more.	✓	✓

*USA Swimming & Local Swimming Committee (LSC) annual membership fee, additional fees for local swim team may apply

†USA Swimming annual membership fee, additional fees for Local Swimming Committee (LSC) and local swim team may apply

MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON		CATEGORY	
	flex in	PREMIUM MEMBERSHIP	
INSURANCE COVERAGE – INDIVIDUAL Excellent insurance coverage including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participant accident insurance Participant liability insurance Access to our Insurance Marketplace for pre-screened insurance products from trusted companies 	✓	✓	
CHAMPIONSHIP MEET PARTICIPATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to participate in championship events. 	2 sanctioned events per year below Local Swimming Committee Championship level (in state/regional level)	UNLIMITED Local Swimming Committee Championships to Zones to Futures to Speeds Junior Nationals to Phillips 66 National Championships to the U.S. Olympic Trials!	
SPLASH MAGAZINE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership magazine featuring tips, training info, athlete profiles, photos, poster inserts and more! 	Digital Access	4 print issues – to home delivery + Digital Access	
INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION PROGRAMS Opportunity to qualify for recognition programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholastic All-America IM Extreme Challenge IM Ready IM Extreme Games 	✗	✓	
DEVELOPMENT CAMPS Opportunity to qualify for camps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Select Camps National Open Water Select Camps National Diversity Select Camps Zone Select Camps Zone Diversity Select Camps LSC Select Camps The LEADS Summit 	✗	✓	

***New Name: Premium Membership!**

The USA Swimming staff recommends the name of Premium Membership to replace the name of Annual Membership, which is sometimes interchangeably called Year-Round Athlete Membership. With the new Flex Membership also being a year-round (or annual) membership we want to reduce potential confusion. Plus, we also want to draw a greater distinction in the added benefits and value provided by the Premium Membership. For a transition period, we will continue to include a reference to "Annual Membership" and "Year-Round" in conjunction with Premium Membership mentions. To make an official change in the USA Swimming Rule Book, this will require passage by the House of Delegates for Rule 302.2.



Additional Items:

After your registration is completed and you have a spot on the team, the Y will need the following items below. These documents will be emailed to you.

2020 YMCA Liability Waiver

YMCA Code of Conduct

Hurricane Swimming Drug and Alcohol Policy

Electronic Communication Policy

Health Forms

Proof of Age

Thank you for swimming with us. We appreciate all of our Swimmers and Families. We understand that this year will challenge us in new ways and we hope to arise stronger and better together.