



**2019 – 2020 Swim
Season**

Team Philosophy

The philosophy of the Westfield Area Y Devilfish Swim Team is to enable swimmers to grow as individuals, work toward their swimming goals and expand their potential in a nurturing, safe, enjoyable, yet structured environment. The Y believes that a character-rich, team approach is fundamental to the success of a competitive athletics program.



Upcoming TEAM EVENTS

- First day of practices- September 9th
- Swim Suit sale- September 9th
- Spaghetti Meet – October 6th
 - Walk from Main Branch to Bauer Branch as a Team for dinner
- Devilfish Classic Invitational – October 13th
 - Major fundraiser for the team
- Holiday Party – December 14th
 - Food Drive



COMPETITIVE AQUATICS STAFF



Senior Director- Member Wellness &
Engagement - Greg Hatzisavvas

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COACHING STAFF



- Assistant Coaches
 - Judy Lee
 - Summer Thomas
 - Drin Llallosi
 - Katie Morgan
 - Jim Thomas
 - Bart Thomas
 - Walter Kemper
 - Matt Daniel
 - Savannah Llewellyn
 - Mark Snensky
 - David Lindros
 - Ryan Thomas

TEAM COMMUNICATION



Devilfish Website

- www.wydevilfish.org
 - Parent info – Tab on website
 - EVENTS – all swim meets & team events
 - Read all Team Unify emails

Email

- swimteam@westfielddynj.org
- ccipolla@westfielddynj.org
- Jwhitty@westfielddynj.org
- ghatzisavvas@westfielddynj.org

Other

- Family mailboxes by Wallace pool entrance
- Bulletin boards



TEAM COMMUNICATION

Office hours for Chris and Jackie

- **1 pm- 3pm M-F or by appointment**
- **Please do not approach coaches during practice, on deck, or at meets.**
- **Emails will be answered within 24-48 hours.**
- **Cell phone contact should be used only for emergencies.**

Parent Assistance Committee



- The purpose of the PAC is to support the mission of the Westfield Area Y by supporting, advocating, and helping to deliver a quality Y competitive swim team experience for all team members.
- The PAC helps deliver important swim team program functions such as: swim meets, fundraising activities, team public relations and social activities.

PAC organization



- 12 Volunteer Parents + Coach
- 8 Sub-committees
- Monthly meetings
- Minutes posted monthly on Team Unify website
- Open Forum – Request 1 week in advance

Practice Procedures

- Please DO NOT double park outside of the Y on Clark St
- Swimmers should be on deck 5 minutes before their scheduled practice
- Know your practice group!
- Bring goggles, towel and back-up goggles
- Locker room behavior/ Showers
- Leave valuables at home; use lock on locker
- On-time pick-up procedures
- Thunder & Lightning/ Snow policy; Check email frequently in times of bad weather



SWIMMERS

- Be on time to practice.
- Bathroom breaks
- Trust your coaches and encourage your teammates
- Focus on the goal of the training session; if you do not know, ask!
- Display good conduct toward your coaches and teammates
- Always do what is best for your team



Devilfish Dual Meets

- Dual meets
 - **4 Meets per team**
- Boys Blue team – B division
- Boys Gray team – DS division
- Girls Blue team – B division
- Girls Gray team – DS division



- Team Assignments will be made **1st week of October**
- Parent/family work assignments for dual meets will be on job-signup on Team Unify
 - Dual meet schedule will posted on team unify under "Meet Information"
 - Meet commitments made on team unify



Invitational Meets

- Invitational Meet Event & Information posted on Team Unify
- Qualifying vs. Open meets
- Being on time
- Meet commitments made on team unify
- Mandatory timing assignments for parents
- Swimmers sit in team designated area
- Meet Entry fee and Surcharges



OFFICIALS



To become a YMCA swimming official you must:

- Take a level I training clinic. It is usually about 4 hours in class training. One scheduled for 10/1
- Take an on-line open book test and pass it.
- Once you become an official, you are required to perform your official duty at least 4 sessions per swimming season.
- Our Parent Assistance Committee (PAC) will Reimburse you.
- registration fee is \$35.00-\$40.0

Please contact:

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TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Check your e-mail and Team Unify regularly – this is the main form of communication
- Get involved in supporting the team – please commit enthusiastically to your timing assignment, take on one role at the Devilfish Classic, and join one committee
- Manage your child's Invitational Meet schedule- following the instructions in the Invitational Meet packet leads to a successful meet
- Avoid scheduling conflicts to enable your swimmer to attend dual meets – their teammates are counting on them
- Provide your child encouragement and positive feedback but do not coach your child, that's the job of the coaches
- Check out the Parent tab and other information on Team Unify



Go Devilfish!



- Please sign up to volunteer for special events online at TeamUnify.
- Thank you for joining the Westfield Area YMCA Devilfish Swim Team and best wishes for a successful season!

