



## Blazing Barracudas 2018-2019 Registration Packet

Welcome to the inaugural season of the Blazing Barracudas! All information for registration for the 2018-2019 season can be found in this packet.

Please read through all items carefully, as registered families are responsible for all information in this packet.

This packet contains information regarding, but not limited to fees and payment structures, meet entry information and charges, team equipment, parent worker responsibilities, and any notification of leaving the team or putting accounts on hold.

All parent members should review this packet prior to beginning online registration. Additional information can be found on the website at <http://www.blazingbarracudas.org>. Please contact Stacey Aroney, [saroney@hb.edu](mailto:saroney@hb.edu), if you have any additional questions.



## General Registration Information

**Registration Opens:** Registration will begin on August 1<sup>st</sup> for all swimmers that are not participating in Senior Championships. It is important to us that swimmers follow through on commitments that they have made with other teams. Swimmers that have had a tryout or have been in contact with coaches regarding group placement may register immediately.

**Important:** If you have not swam with a coach at the Hathaway Brown site before, you must attend tryouts on August 11<sup>th</sup> or make an appointment through Stacey Aroney, [saroney@hb.edu](mailto:saroney@hb.edu) to register. Any registrations without tryouts or prior communications regarding group placements will be rejected.

**Location:** The Blazing Barracudas practice at the Carol and John Butler Aquatics Center at Hathaway Brown School. Hathaway Brown is located at 19600 North Park Blvd, Shaker Heights, 44122. The pool parking lot is on the Sherbrooke side of campus.

**Groups:** Swimmers should register for the group that they have been assigned to based off of tryouts or coach placement. If the swimmer's group is adjusted in the middle of the season the swimmers billing group will be updated and charged the difference in group fees.

### Practice Group Descriptions

Developmental I: 8 and Under year-old swimmers that can swim 25 yards and know 2 of the 4 competitive strokes

Developmental II: 10 and Under year-old swimmers that can swim 3 legal strokes 50 yards of 50 yards each



### **Practice Group Descriptions (cont.):**

Age Group: 12 and Under year-old swimmers with 1 B time on the National Age Group Motivational Time Chart or 3 legal strokes of 50 yards each

Pre-Senior: 11-14 year-old swimmers with at least 2 B times and 4 legal strokes of 100 yards each OR 10 and Under Year Old Swimmers with 2 A times and 4 legal strokes of 100 yards each

Senior: 13 and over year-old swimmers with at least 2 B times OR 11-14 year-old swimmers with at least 2 A times

### **Equipment:**

Please note the required equipment for each group. The team has a store set up through SwimOutlet.com for equipment, however, purchase from SwimOutlet.com is not required; swimmers may purchase equipment elsewhere.

Developmental I- Fins

Developmental II - Fins

Age Group - Fins, Paddles, Mesh Bag with Name Tag

Pre-Senior - Fins, Paddles, Parachute, Snorkel, Mesh Bag with Name Tag, Finis Swim Coach Communicator\*

Senior - Fins, Paddles, Parachute, Snorkel, Tempo Trainer, Drag Sox\*\*, Mesh Bag with Name Tag, Finis Swim Coach Communicator\*

\*Optional. If interested, a group order will be ordered in bulk for price breaks.

\*\*Drag Sox are not available through the team store at SwimOutlet.com.



**Team Fees:** The team fees listed below are for the 2018-2019 season (September through August). The group fees are listed below. All families are required to pay a \$175 Booster Fee. This fee can be paid up front or in two payments (October and December). This fee helps supplement pool rental, coaches meet attendance, and team functions. Details for payment policies are listed below.

#### Team Fees

	Annual (before September 30)	Annual (after September 30)	Monthly 10 Payments
Developmental I	\$900	\$950	\$100
Developmental II	\$1000	\$1050	\$115
Age Group	\$1050	\$1100	\$120
Pre-Senior	\$1100	\$1150	\$125
Senior	\$1000	\$1050	\$125

#### **Payment Information/Policies:**

Upon registration, no fees will be directly charged. If the swimmer has answered “Yes” to the USA Swimming Transfer Question, you will be contacted about filling out a transfer form. **Do not fill out this form on your own.** If the swimmer has never been on a USA Swim Team before or their membership is expired, your account will be billed for the cost of a USA Membership.

The system will generate an invoice to your account. The balance remaining will be billed to your credit card on file on September 1<sup>st</sup>. If you wish to pay via check, please notify Stacey Aroney, [saroney@hb.edu](mailto:saroney@hb.edu), after your registration.

If the monthly payments are selected, the first payment will be billed on September 1<sup>st</sup> and then monthly subsequently. If you register before September 1<sup>st</sup>, you will be billed for 10 payments and then monthly fees will cease. The only payments following would be any charges for meets etc.



### **Payment Information/Policies (Cont.):**

Swimmers who register after September will be billed accordingly for the 10 months or until August 1st, whichever comes first. Monthly fees cannot be prorated for partial attendance. If the annual payment option is selected, there are no refunds even if there is early withdrawal.

Should your swimmer require a leave of absence, 15 days notice is required to put accounts on hold and will incur a \$25 fee. Account holds should be requested to Stacey Aroney, [saroney@hb.edu](mailto:saroney@hb.edu). High school and middle school swimmers are still required to provide 15 days notice, because these swimmers may still practice with the club during their season; they just cannot compete per OHSAA rules.

**Other Fees:** Any team fee payments received after the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month will be assessed a \$20 late fee. A \$10 fee will be assessed anytime your payment is declined. Example would be insufficient funds, invalid expiration dates etc. Please make sure your credit card is current in the system when the billing system is opened.

**Swimmer Pick-Up:** Swimmers must be picked up no later than 15 minutes after practice. We understand that things may occur in which the swimmer may be picked up late. Unless special arrangements have been made in advance, fees for frequent tardiness will be applied to the swimmers account. Hathaway Brown requires two staff members (coach, lifeguard etc) to be present with a minor after hours. The fee charged supplements the cost of the staff. Once the swimmer has been at the pool for longer than 20 minutes after practice, a \$1 per minute fee will be applied.

**Multi-Child Discount:** Families that register two swimmers will receive a 5% multi-swimmer discount. Families that register more than 2 swimmers will receive an additional 5% discount per child. Multi-swimmer discounts may be used in conjunction with the annual payment option as well.

**Meet Fees:** Deadlines for meet entries are hard-deadlines. Once the entry is generated, it cannot be edited. Families are responsible for any meet fees that occurred from the meet, even if the swimmer does not attend. Meet fees will be billed during the following month's billing. Families can check their invoice history to see what they are charged for.



**How to Register Online:** The online registration process is very simple. Click on the “Start Registration” button on the left hand side of the website and follow the easy steps to sign-up for the season.

You will be asked to electronically sign a number of policy agreements for the team, such as medical release, liability waivers, photo/video and social media waivers, and membership/billing waivers. Please print copies of these waivers as families are held responsible for these items.

Once your sign up is complete, you will receive a confirmation email. Your account will list “Pending Team Approval.” This is normal and our way of making sure that sign up occurred correctly.

**Team News and Practice Information:** Practices are offered Monday through Friday with some groups having a Saturday option. Swimmers are encouraged to attend as many practices as possible. Practices may be canceled periodically for holidays, school events, etc. The Week Ahead will be sent out to parents to remind them of any upcoming planned changes. Urgent schedule changes will always be posted on the team website and on the social media channels (Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter). An email notification will also be sent out for urgent changes. The general practice schedule will be available on the website as well. During the high school and middle school swim season (Late October through February), practice times may shift slightly.

**Meet Expectations:**

**Developmental/Developmental II:** Attend 3 of 5 available meets and 8 and Under Championships/Regionals

**Age Group:** Attend 4 of 7 available meets and Age Group Championships/Regionals

**Pre-Senior:** Attend 5 of 6 available meets and Age Group Championships/Regionals

**Senior:** Attend 4 meets and Senior Championships



**Meet Expectations (Cont.):**

We understand that life is chaotic at times. If you feel your family cannot meet these expectations, please discuss the situation with Roderick Speed ([rspeed@hb.edu](mailto:rspeed@hb.edu)). The planned meet schedule is posted on the website. Additional or alternate meets may be added.

**Apparel/Uniform:** This year, swimmers will receive a cap and team t-shirt. No specific suit is required, however, we request it is a suit that does not have another club logo on it. Additional apparel will be available for purchase, but is not required. Please note, during a swim meet, no tieback suits are permitted.

**Parent Worker/Volunteer Information:** Throughout the first year of operation, we may host a dual meet against another USA Club in the area. Please know that we will require your assistance in timing, concession stand sales and various positions. We will notify parents as these opportunities come up. We thank you in advance for your assistance!

Welcome to the Blazing Barracudas family!

Please contact Stacey Aroney, [saroney@hb.edu](mailto:saroney@hb.edu) or at 216-320-8796 x7794 with any questions.