Welcome To

**The Greater Columbus Swim Team**

**Of Ohio, Inc.**

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The Greater Columbus Swim Team of Ohio

would like to thank you for your interest in our organization.

GCSTO has had a tremendous influence on all aspects of swimming in central Ohio and is recognized as a leader in the sport. From swimming lessons to stroke instruction programs for the beginning competitive swimmer to high level training for the world class athlete… GCSTO has it all!

***2018 Spring/Summer Information***

GCSTO – The age group/senior team of 2016 Olympic Trial Qualifiers, Andee Cottrell (Univ. of Louisville), Morgan McCafferty (Univ. of Nebraska), Adam Ritter (Unattached) & Hannah Stevens (Univ. of Missouri)

GCSTO’s Mission

It is GCSTO's mission to offer one of the most progressive and developmentally advanced swimming programs of its kind in this sport. Primarily we wish to provide a continually evolving and state of the art program structure to the athlete who wishes to dedicate themselves to this sport and to that which is required to achieve excellence in this sport at a national level and international level. As a result of the strength and successes of the accomplishment of this primary goal, we can then fulfill our secondary mission which is to provide the opportunity for a developing athlete of any age to discover the benefits of an environment which promotes excellence at all levels... no matter what the goals of the individual may be when they enter into our program. Not every athlete will arrive to such a level of excellence that they become an Olympian but every athlete can learn what it takes to achieve such excellence. And by doing so, any swimmer can then take advantage of the opportunity to pursue the highest level of performance excellence possible for the level of dedication that they have chosen to commit to in this sport. It is our goal to provide our swimmers with an exciting, fun, educational and challenging environment in which they are able to strive to achieve their dreams in this sport. Through all of this, it is our mission to continue to elevate the quality of senior swimming in this area, the state of Ohio and, as such, in the USA.

GCSTO’s Philosophy

Our primary goal is to provide an environment that promotes personal development in all of our team members. We wish to nurture and promote those traits that have proven to be the essence of personal success… discipline, dedication, commitment, work ethic, respect & loyalty all, of which, lie at the very core of this success. In terms of an athlete’s career, we focus first on developing athleticism in our swimmers through an extensive dry land training program. This allows for greater balance, coordination, strength, endurance and body mass control development in our swimmers. In the water we focus on creating the kicker and the stroke technician next. From these 3 will come the racer!

Carefully planning the stages that an athlete goes through in their development ensures a greater chance for a long, successful career in this sport. Fear should be raised not from what is demanded to achieve excellence in life but from what excuses hold us down to remain average players in our lives. We will educate our members towards all aspects of swimming and provide programs suitable to their needs and desires while trying to assist these athletes in determining their short and long term goals in this sport.

In pursuit of the achievement of our mission and in line with our philosophy… every individual, regardless of ability level, will be treated with equal fairness and concern for the longevity of a quality career in the sport of swimming.

***GCSTO’s History & Tradition***

GCSTO’s history can be traced back to the late sixties when a man by the name of Jim Stimmel first organized a group of summer pools into the Greater Columbus Swim Club. The club became the “team” in the mid-seventies under the leadership of Roger Fagan. The team then went through steady growth in the next few years and was led by several different head coaches (Dan Hale, Steve Fox & Bruce Barlow). In 1979, a new assistant coach, Steve Nye, came onto staff. With the retirement of then head coach, Bruce Barlow, in the spring of 1980, Nye was hired as the team’s new head coach. Coach Nye has been with the program ever since. With the help of a tremendous number of volunteer parents and an incredibly consistent array of knowledgeable and energetic coaches filling out all aspects of our staff, the team has grown into the organization that it is today, which consists of nearly 200 competitive swimmers and over 15 coaches each year. GCSTO carries a hard earned reputation as one of the top age group and senior swimming programs in the state and provides a home for athletes from novice in ability to those athletes training to achieve world ranked status. GCSTO is well known as one of the most organized and parent involved programs in the state. We have a strong name for discipline and hard work while maintaining a lighthearted attitude. GCSTO also has one of the longest standing coaching staffs in the state and is well known for producing quality coaches on an extremely consistent basis.

GCSTO head coach, Steve Nye, has been a member of the USA Swimming National Team Staff and has served as a coach at the 1990 US Olympic Festival, the 1991 National Junior Team Training Camp, the 1992 National Team at the Quebec Cup, the 1994 National Team Dual Meet Series and has been selected as Ohio Swimming’s Senior Coach of the Year over 8 times throughout his career… more than any other coach in the state and most recently in 2011. GCSTO assistant coaches have also been chosen as part of the Ohio All-Star Team coaching staff over 25 times. GCSTO has had at least 20 athletes compete in the US Swimming Olympic Team Selection meets in the past. GCSTO is the age group/senior program of 2000 US Olympian Amanda Adkins. The team has now produced or trained 20 world ranked athletes, 2 Olympic team members, a Pan-American Games medal winner, a Pan-Pacific team member, 3 World Championship team members, 2 Olympic Festival team members, 3 NCAA champions and 2 members of American Record holding relay teams. GCSTO’s age group program is consistently one of the stronger programs in the state and in keeping with our mission of continually making swimmers faster, is proud to be known as home to one of the best senior programs in the state.

Swim Team Program Structure

***GCSTO's PROGRAM STRUCTURE IS DESIGNED BY STEVE NYE, THE HEAD COACH OF GCSTO, and is implemented at the senior levels of the team by Head Senior Coach, Chris Binting, at the junior levels of the team by Head Age Group Coordinator, Evan Straw, and, in dryland, for all levels of the team by Head Strength and Dryland Coach, Josh Miller in order to provide athletes with the training and instruction that best fits the needs of their current ability levels.***

 Our ***Novice Swim Team***practices once or twice each week for 1.25 hour each time. Novice swimmers rarely participate in USA Swimming swim meets but are welcomed to if they would like. Those athletes deciding to join our ***Competitive Age Group Swim Team*** are assigned to our levels based on their current training, technical and competitive capabilities. Although practices are only required for our national training group (Level 5), Level 1 through 3 athletes are expected to practice at least 3 times per week while Level 4 athletes are expected to practice at least 4 times per week. Level 1 through 3 athletes are not required to participate with us year around though consistent participation is the key to continued progression in this sport and is highly encouraged. Level 4 athletes are asked to participate year around and we reserve the right to assign training positions in this training group based on this factor. Level 5 athletes are required to participate year around. Although competition is not required for our younger swimmers, progressing from Level 1 through 3 on this team, more and more of our swimmers take part in local competitions and are encouraged to do so. All Level 1 through 3 athletes participating in competitions are expected to compete through the highest level meet for which they are qualified at the end of each season. Level 4 & 5 athletes are expected to participate in local competitions and are expected to compete in their complete championship series, as well.

***Spring Locations***

***The Columbus Academy (4300 Cherry Bottom Rd. in Gahanna, 43230) – CA***

***The St. Charles (2010 E. Broad St. in Bexley, 43209) – SC***

***Summer Location***

***The Gahanna Swimming Pool (148 Parkland Drive in Gahanna, 43230) – GSP***



**Spring Swim Team 2018**

***Seasonal Practice Schedules & Financial Information***

***Spring New Swimmer Try-out Information***

Our spring athlete screening day for athletes interested in our **ST. CHARLES** location is from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 2, 2018 at St. Charles for level 3 and under athletes. Our spring athlete screening day for athletes interested in **COLUMBUS ACADEMY** location is from 5:45-6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at Columbus Academy for level 3 and under athletes. You may actually come to either screening day no matter which pool it is that you are interested in. The 1-week trial period for these swimmers will be extended for the next 7 days after these tryout dates and will be with the level in which the new athlete best fits into within our program structure as determined during the screening day. Athletes in our Senior Training Group (Level 4, Level 5, or our High School) need not come to the screening days but may start their tryout week directly with their assigned senior training level starting the week of April 3. If any vacancies still remain on the team, athletes missing the trial period who desire to join the team late will be given their free trial period, which begins once they are able to start practicing with the team. ***If you cannot make either of these screening days please contact coach Steve Nye at******stevenye****@sbcglobal.net* ***or 614-478-5445 to see how to set up your trial week.***

***Spring Practice Group Options***

**Note: \* represents the Multiple Daily Pass Fee for part-time swimming which allows the athlete to come into half of the practices offered for that group in any way they can do these practices for this prorated price.**

***Age Group Introductory Practice Options (ages 6-10)***

**Novice –** Tuesday 5:30-6:45 p.m. (at CA with no practices on April 3), Wednesday 5:30-6:45 p.m. (at SC), Saturday 9:30-10:45 a.m. (at SC) & Sunday 3:45-5:00 p.m. (at CA)... maximum 2 per week from April 4 to May 27, 2018. Cost is $135/$90\*. New member Team Registration Fee is $15.

***Age Group Development Practice Options (ages 8-13)***

**Academy Level 1 –** Monday 5:45-7:15 p.m. (at SC), Tuesday 5:30-7:00 p.m. (at CA with no practices on April 3), Friday 5:30-7:00 p.m. (at CA) & Sunday 4:45-6:15 p.m. (at CA) from April 2 to May 27, 2018. Cost is $215/$150\* unless year around swimming has already been paid for by the athlete. New member Team Registration Fee is $50 (includes USA Swimming/Ohio Swimming registration fees & Team E-Registration fee).

**St. Charles Level 1 –** Monday 5:45-7:15 p.m. (at SC with no practices on April 2),Tuesday 6:00-7:30 p.m. (at SC), Friday 5:30-7:00 p.m. (at SC) & Sunday 4:45 to 6:15 p.m. (at CA) from April 3 to May 27, 2018. Cost is $215/$150\* unless year around swimming has already been paid for by the athlete. New member Team Registration Fee is $50 (includes USA Swimming/Ohio Swimming registration fees & Team E-Registration fee).

**Academy Level 2 –** Monday 5:30-7:30 p.m. (at CA), Wednesday 5:45-7:45 p.m. (at SC), Thursday 5:30-7:15 p.m. (at CA) & Sunday 5:45-7:45 p.m. (at CA) from April 2 to May 27, 2018. Cost is $255/$170\* unless year around swimming has already been paid for by the athlete. New member Team Registration Fee is $50 (includes USA Swimming/Ohio Swimming registration fees & Team E-Registration fee).

**St. Charles Level 2 –** Monday 5:45-7:30 p.m. (at SC except on April 2 where practice will be at CA), Wednesday 5:45-7:45 p.m. (at SC), Friday 5:30-7:30 p.m. (at SC) and Sunday 5:45-7:45 p.m. (at CA) from April 2 to May 27, 2018. Cost is $255/$170\* unless year around swimming has already been paid for by the athlete. New member Team Registration Fee is $50 (includes USA Swimming/Ohio Swimming registration fees & Team E-Registration fee).

**Academy Level 3 –** Monday 5:30-7:45 p.m. (at CA), Tuesday 5:30-7:45 p.m. (at SC), Thursday 5:30-7:45 p.m. (at CA) & Friday 5:30-7:45 p.m. (at CA) from April 2 to May 25, 2018. Cost is $280/$185\* unless year around swimming has already been paid for by the athlete. New member Team Registration Fee is $50 (includes USA Swimming/Ohio Swimming registration fees & Team E-Registration fee).

**St. Charles Level 3 –** Monday 5:30-7:45 p.m. (at CA), Tuesday 5:30-7:45 p.m. (at SC), Thursday 5:30-7:45 p.m. (at CA) & Friday 5:30-7:45 p.m. (at CA) from April 2 to May 25, 2018. Cost is $280/$185\* unless year around swimming has already been paid for by the athlete. New member Team Registration Fee is $50 (includes USA Swimming/Ohio Swimming registration fees & Team E-Registration fee).

***Senior Development Practice Options (ages 13 & above)***

**High School Select –** Monday 6:30-9:15 p.m., Tuesday 6:15-9:00 p.m., Wednesday 5:15-8:00 p.m., Thursday 6:30-9:15 p.m. & Saturday 7:30-10:15 a.m. (all at CA) from April 2 to May 26, 2018 (3 of these days maximum each week). Cost is $295. Team Reg. Fee is $50 (includes seasonal USA Swimming/Ohio Swimming registration fees, & Team E-Registration fee). Note… current Level 4 or 5 swimmers are not eligible for this program.

**Level 4 –** Monday 6:30-9:15 p.m., Tuesday 6:15-9:00 p.m., Wednesday 5:15-8:00 p.m., Thursday 6:30-9:15 p.m. & Saturday 7:30-10:15 a.m. (all at CA) from April 2 to May 26, 2018. Cost is $390/$260\* unless year around swimming has already been paid for by the athlete. New member Team Registration Fee is $50 (includes USA Swimming/Ohio Swimming registration fees & Team E-Registration fee). Note… high school swimmers joining us for their off season may choose this program if they desire more practice opportunities.

**Level 4 Elite –** Sunday 8:45-11:30 a.m. (at SC) from April 8, 2018 to May 27, 2018. Cost is $60. Level 4 athletes must receive permission from their coach to take advantage of this additional practice day option..

**Level 5 –** Monday 6:30-9:15 p.m., Tuesday 6:15-9:00 p.m., Wednesday 5:15-8:00 p.m., Thursday 6:30-9:15 p.m., Saturday 7:30-10:15 a.m. (all at CA) & Sunday 8:45-11:30 a.m. (at SC) from April 2 to May 27, 2018. Cost is included in your year around swimming fees.

***Spring Senior Lifting***

This option is for Level 4, 4E, 5 & High School athletes only and coaches’ clearance is required. The schedule is to be announced and all sessions will be at the Columbus Academy from April 2 to May 26, 2018. Cost is TBA.

***Sibling Practice Options***

This option is available to those with multiple swimmers who are in back to back levels on the team… with coaches’ permission, it allows them to take the “upper” level athlete to the practice of their “lower” level athlete once per week AND allows the reverse to also occur once per week. No additional cost is associated with this extra practice.

**Additional Spring Financial Information**

**GCSTO Spring Team Registration Fee**

Each NEW swimmer joining GCSTO in Levels 1, 2, 3, 4 or the High School program is responsible to pay this fee and there are 2 different levels of this fee based on the program the athlete is in. Athletes returning from our fall/winter season are not required to pay this fee.

1 - This fee is $15 for Novice non-competing swimmers which is for the $15 team E-Registration Fee.

2 - For Novice swimmers competing in USA Swimming meets and for all Level 1, 2, 3, 4 & HS swimmers (regardless of their competitive status) who are NEW to the team & are not current members of USA Swimming this fee is $50 which encompasses the $35 seasonal USA Swimming Registration Fee and the $15 team E-Registration Fee**.**

**Explanation of Registration Fee Categories**

**USA Swimming & Ohio Swimming Fees -**This once-a-year fee is mandatory for each and every swimmer joining the team in the spring (exclusive of Novice swimmers) whether they compete in swimming meets or not. Novice swimmers wishing to swim in USA Swimming sponsored meets must pay this fee, as well.

**GCSTO E-Registration Fee –**This $15 fee is used to cover the administrative expenses of setting up our yearly database within the GCSTO offices and on line and is due from any and all athletes joining GCSTO for the first time since August of 2017 in any of our programs.

**Additional Fee Categories & Descriptions**

**Re-Association Fees -** This fee is due from any swimmer who has left GCSTO to go to another Ohio USA Swimming

 team or Y team and then returns to GCSTO. If you have more than 1 athlete coming back to the team, pay the

 corporate fee of your "highest" level athlete.

**Credit Card Processing Fees - This is a 2.95% fee that you pay along with your team fees. This is an “in and out” charge for GCSTO in that this is what we are charged by the credit card companies for their services.**

**Multiple Swimmer Discounts**

For all families with more than one swimmer swimming with our team GCSTO will provide you with an approximate 10-15% discount for each subsequent child that you have swimming on the team within the same level on the team or a less expensive level ($40 for a Level 4 swimmer, $30 for a High School or Level 3 swimmer, $25 for a Level 2 swimmer, $20 for a Level 1 swimmer and $15 for a novice swimmer). This discount IS additive for each ensuing swimmer. ***Multiple daily pass athletes will receive half of these discounts..***

**Multiple Daily Pass (MDP) Program**

For swimmers that may be involved in other activities and who may be only able to attend a limited number of practices in the spring, GCSTO has a MDP program available. This program allows athletes to attend up to one half of the practices offered to their practice group for a pro-rated price. This is the second price that you see in the costs listed above. **Swimmers wanting this payment option must declare the use of this option at registration.**This option is open, only, if the level is not filled with athletes signed up for full-time swimming. Athletes signing up for full time swimming may not back down to MDP swimming once the season has started.

**Spring Payment Due Dates - Old Team Members**

**April 1, 2018** – Registration fee and full team fee payment must be completed to avoid a $15 late payment fee.

**Spring Payment Due Dates - New Team Members**

**April 1, 2018** – Registration is due as a Trial Swimmer.

**April 10, 2018** – Registration fee and full team fee payment must be completed to avoid a $15 late payment fee.

**Notes Concerning Team Fee Payments**

\* GCSTO reserves the right at any point in time to disallow an athlete from participating in practices for failure to pay their appropriate team fees, registration fees, entry fees, and/or missed meet session fees in a timely manner.

\*GCSTO maintains a $15 return check charge for checks returned for any reason.

\* Anyone signing up for a program and then requesting a refund before the start of the spring season will be charged a 10% administrative fee for their refund if it is deemed that a refund is warranted.

\* There will be no refunds for anyone signing up for GCSTO and then deciding to quit swimming once the season has started.

\* Anyone registering for the spring season will be responsible for payment of the entire spring season’s fees in the event that they decide not to continue to participate at any point in the season.

\* Special payment arrangements for team fees may be made as long as the family adheres to those arrangements.

\* There is a 2.95% credit card processing fee associated with all online team fee payments.

**Summer Swim Team 2018**

**At the Gahanna Swimming Pool (148 Parkland Drive, Gahanna 43230)**

***Seasonal Practice Schedules & Financial Information***

***Summer New Swimmer Try-out Weeks***

Our summer try-out week is May 29-June 1, 2018 and is with the level in which the new athlete best fits into within our program structure (see below). Contact coach Nye to arrange your try-out week with the appropriate level on our team.

***Summer Practice Group Options***

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***Age Group Introductory Practice Option (ages 6-10)***

**Novice -** Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 5:30-6:45 p.m. from May 29 to July 12, 2018 (2 days max per week). Cost is $120/$80\*. New member Team Registration Fee is $15.

***Age Group Development Practice Options (ages 8-13)***

**Level 1 -** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 5:15-6:45 p.m. from May 29 to July 13, 2018. Cost is $185/$125\* unless year around swimming has already been paid for by the athlete. New member Team Registration Fee is $50 (includes USA Swimming/Ohio Swimming registration fees & Team E-Registration fee).

**Level 2 A.M. (AVAILABLE TO THOSE WITH A.M. SIBLINGS IN LEVELS 3, 4 or 5) -** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 6:45-8:30 a.m. from May 29 to July 13, 2018. Cost is $210/$140\* unless year around swimming has already been paid for by the athlete. New member Team Registration Fee is $50 (includes USA Swimming/Ohio Swimming registration fees & Team E-Registration fee).

**Level 2 P.M. -** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 5:15-7:00 p.m. from May 29 to July 13, 2018. Cost is $210/$140\* unless year around swimming has already been paid for by the athlete. New member Team Registration Fee is $50 (includes USA Swimming/Ohio Swimming registration fees & Team E-Registration fee). Alternate practice option is from 6:45-8:30 a.m. on Fridays (4 practices max per week).

**Level 3 A.M. -** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 6:45-9:00 a.m. May 29 to July 13, 2018. Cost is $250/$170\* unless year around swimming has already been paid for by the athlete. New member Team Registration Fee is $50 (includes USA Swimming/Ohio Swimming registration fees & Team E-Registration fee).

**Level 3 P.M. -** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 5:15-7:30 p.m. from May 29 to July 13, 2018. Cost is $250/$170\* unless year around swimming has already been paid for by the athlete. New member Team Registration Fee is $50 (includes USA Swimming/Ohio Swimming registration fees & Team E-Registration fee). Alternate practice option is from 6:45-9:00 a.m. on Fridays (4 practices max per week).

***Senior Development Practice Options (ages 13 & above)***

**Level 4 -** Monday through Friday 6:45-9:45 a.m. from May 29 to July 27, 2018. Cost is $490/$330\* unless year around swimming has already been paid for by the athlete. New member Team Registration Fee is $50 (includes USA Swimming/Ohio Swimming registration fees & Team E-Registration fee).

**Level 5 -** Monday through Friday 6:45-9:45 a.m. from May 29 to July 27, 2018. Cost is included in your year around fees.

**Evening Seniors Session #1 -** Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 6:15-8:15 p.m. & Friday 5:15-7:30 p.m. from May 29 to July 13, 2018. Cost is $250/170\*. New member Team Registration Fee is $50 (includes USA Swimming/Ohio Swimming registration fees & Team E-Registration fee). If a Level 4 athlete is swimming doubles (also swimming in the morning), the cost for them is only $75. This program is free for Level 5 swimmers.

***Junior Development Camp Options (ages 14 & under)***

***Long Axis (Back & Free) Camp:*** July 23 (6:30-8:00 p.m.), 25, 26 & 27 (5:30-7:00 p.m.). Cost is $30 for the week.

***Short Axis (Fly & Breast) Camp:*** July 30 & 31 (6:30-8:00 p.m.) and August 1 & 2 (5:30-7:00 p.m.). Cost is $30 for the week.

**Additional Summer Financial Information**

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**Summer Payment Due Dates - Old Team Members**

**May 21, 2018** – Registration fee and full team fee payment must be completed to avoid a $15 late payment fee.

**Summer Payment Due Dates - New Team Members**

**May 28, 2018** – Registration is due as a Trial Swimmer.

**June 6, 2018** – Registration fee and full team fee payment must be completed to avoid a $15 late payment fee.

***Notes Concerning Team Fee Payments***

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\* Special payment arrangements for team fees may be made as long as the family adheres to those arrangements.

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**2018/2019 Fall/Winter Tryouts**

**July 23, 24, 30 & 31 (Mondays & Tuesdays) from 5:30-6:45 p.m. each night at Gahanna Swimming Pool located at 148 Parkland Drive in Gahanna. No cost.**

**NOTE:**Athletes will need only their basic swim gear... suit, cap, goggles & towel for tryouts each night. You are not required to each and every tryout but the more you make the better as it is a clinic type atmosphere so your swimmers can benefit from this if they'd like.

**NOTE:**August 1st will be our committal date for fall/winter swimming with GCSTO. Any new swimmer to our team may secure their spot on our fall/winter swim team by filling out a team application and turning in their initial $200 payment for that season.

***GCSTO 2018 Summer Team Party & Welcome of New Swimmers***

***Tuesday, July 24, 2018 from 6:45 to 9:00 p.m. at the Gahanna Swimming Pool.***

All GCSTO swimmers from 2017/2018 fall/winter, 2018 spring and/or 2018 summer season are welcomed AS ARE ALL NEW SWIMMERS INTERESTED IN JOINING GCSTO FOR THE UPCOMING 2018/2019 FALL/WINTER SEASON!

***Just A Note... How Serious Are We?***

 We can't tell you how many times we've heard that people have not joined "winter swimming", GCSTO especially, because it was (we are) SO SERIOUS. Not clarified, that statement is construed as negative in most people's eyes... and, understandably so. Our response to someone who feels this way is this:

1 - If you are talking about the fact that we stress SAFETY to all members of GCSTO when the are in and around

 pools, then YES we are very "serious" about this matter.

2 - If you are talking about the fact that we stress sportsmanship in all aspects of life to all members of GCSTO, then

 YES we are very "serious" about this matter.

3 - If you are talking about the fact that we stress our feelings that family & education take precedence over swimming

 then, YES we are very "serious" about this matter.

4 - If you are talking about the fact that we stress technical knowledge about this sport to all members of GCSTO, then

 YES we are very "serious" about this matter.

5 - If you are talking about the fact that we stress respect for other people's property and other people, themselves, then

 YES we are very "serious" about this matter.

6 - If you are talking about the fact that we stress the need for parents to be involved in their children's activities, then

 YES we are very serious about this matter.

7 - If you are talking about the fact that we stress to our membership to have fun and enjoy their time in this sport, then

 YES we are very "serious" about this matter.

8 - If you are talking about the fact that we stress a development of assets such as discipline, work ethic, dedication,

 responsibility & loyalty, then YES we are very serious about this sport.

 Would you expect ANYTHING less of someone who you have left responsible for your children? When you say, or hear someone else say that we are "serious", why not clarify what we are serious about? Otherwise you could get the wrong picture of “serious” in your head. The word "serious" probably scares off more new families than you could possibly imagine. We believe that most of the people who think that we are way too serious believe so because they see the end product that we produce and figure that the only way that these athletes achieved such tremendous success is because we are "so serious". WE ARE. Just not about the things that they probably think we are.

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