



UPPER ARLINGTON SWIM CLUB
A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE



UASC NEW PARENT ORIENTATION

2020-2021 SHORT COURSE SEASON

Welcome to The Upper Arlington Swim Club

Congratulations, you are now officially part of The Upper Arlington Swim Club (UASC) having made it through sign up registration and evaluation day. UASC is a community competitive swim club consisting of over 200 swimmers and their families, most residing in Upper Arlington, Ohio. The club's swimmers range in age from 5 to 19 and in ability from pre-competitive swimmers to swimmers who have achieved National Championship time standards.

UASC is a non-profit organization supported entirely through member fees, charitable contributions, donated goods and services and income from Club sponsored swimming meets and sales. The club is managed by a staff of professional swimming coaches and governed by an elected Board of Directors. The Board consists of the head coach and ten to twelve Directors.

Who are the Coaches?

The Upper Arlington Swim Club's coaching staff is led by Todd Saltus, head coach. The coaching staff supervises all competitive swim programs and has complete authority over all matters involving training and competition.

Coaches:

Head Coaches: Todd Saltus (Head Coach, Age Group Swimmers), John Sands (Senior Women's Coach), Mike de Bear (Senior Men's Coach)

Assistant Coaches, Age Group Swimmers: Barb Smith, JJ Spangler, Lauren Wallace, Abigail Chin, Betsy Trace, Thomas Trace, David McGraw, Kaylyn Froebel, Gracie Long, Maureen Duncan

The programs offered are:

1. Bear Cubs – Beginning competitive swimmers typically in grade 3 and younger. Practices emphasize basic competitive strokes, starts, turns, and familiarization with competition and fun water activities. Regular attendance at practice and participation in home meets and mini meets for younger swimmers is encouraged. Four practices per week.

2. Bears – Emerging competitive swimmers typically in grades 3 – 4. Practices emphasize intermediate competitive stroke techniques. Regular attendance at practice and participation in local meets is strongly encouraged. Five practices per week.

3. Brown Bears – Intermediate competitive swimmers typically in grades 4-6. Practices emphasize advanced competitive stroke techniques and conditioning for competition. Regular attendance at practice and participation at local and championship swim meets expected. Six practices per week.

4. Black Bears – Committed competitive swimmers typically in middle school. Practices emphasize advanced competitive stroke techniques, rigorous physical conditioning and competitive training and

racing strategies. Regular attendance at practice and participation at major meets required. Six practices per week.

5. Golden Bears – Swimmers on the Upper Arlington High School Men and Women’s teams. Practices stress advanced conditioning, technique refinement and preparation for high school and collegiate championship competition. Dedication, commitment and consistent attendance at training sessions as well as participation in meets required. Approximately ten practices per week.

Practice Schedule:

Please note that start times are when swimmers will enter the water. Please try to get swimmers there 15 minutes early for stretching. Practice begins Monday, September 30th

- **Black Bear Practice Monday – Thursday and Saturday is held at Aquatic Adventures**

Practice Group	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Bearcubs	5:00-5:50			7:00-7:50			11:10-12:00
Bears	6:00-7:00	7:00-7:50	7:00-7:50		7:00-7:50	7:00-7:50	
Brown Bears		8:00-9:15	8:00-9:15	8:00-9:15	8:00-9:15	8:00-9:15	
Black Bears		5:30-7:30	5:30-7:30	5:30-7:30	5:30-7:30	8:00-9:15	9:00-11:00

Practices highlighted in yellow are held at Aquatic Adventures. All other practices will be at Upper Arlington High School. Saturday’s Brown and Black Bear Practices begin at 9 AM. All other practice times are PM. Please note that practices and practice times are subject to change so make sure to check your email and the website often for practice changes.

Practice will be cancelled if school is closed due to bad weather.

Please do not talk with coaches while they are coaching...the coaches are more than glad to talk with you before or after practice.

UASC programs are designed to develop competitive swimmers physically and emotionally. With younger swimmers, emphasis is placed on developing proper swimming technique and love for the sport. In later years, more demanding physical and psychological challenges are slowly introduced to the swimmers program. At every level, training and competitive goals are tailored to the needs and abilities of the individual swimmer, allowing each swimmer to develop at his/her own pace.

What is the “short course” season and where does the team practice?

The indoor or “short-course” season in which swimmers compete in 25 yard pools lasts from fall to early spring. UASC swimmers train at the Upper Arlington High School Natatorium and the Black Bears practice is primarily at the Aquatic Adventures facility in Hilliard.

What equipment does my swimmer need?

Swimmers need a racing suit, towel, goggles, a bag in which to carry everything and perhaps a cap. When swimmers begin competing, they will need a team suit, team cap and bag. All swimmers are expected to wear a UASC team cap during competition to increase team spirit and visibility. It is a good idea to have more than one cap and pair of goggles – these items break or mysteriously disappear. It's a good idea to label all equipment with a permanent marker.

What are my swimmer financial obligations?

There will be no refund of fees for swimmers who drop out of the club after registration at the start of Short Course season. The only exception to the policy is first year swimmers who dropout during the first month of the Short Course season. These swimmers will receive a refund, minus any fees already incurred by the swimmer; no refund after November 1st for new swimmers.

Who is responsible for entering my swimmer in a meet?

The request to participate in a meet is made by the parent electronically and can be found in the section titled Electronic Meet Entry Form. The form is in the secure password protected section of the web site. The UASC coaching staff then selects which events your child will participate in based on their ability level. The coaches at the beginning of the meet form all relays.

Traditional UASC Hosted Home Meets:

- **Golden Bear Invitational**
- **Triple Crown Invitational**
- **Central Ohio Regional Championship**

However, with COVID-19 restrictions in place for the 2020-21 season, we will only be hosting intrasquad scrimmage at least once a month from November through February.

What are my work obligations as a parent?

UASC prides itself in offering the best-organized meets in Central Ohio! This is possible only through the cooperation, dedication and hard work of UASC parents and swimmers. The Club hosts three home meets during the short-course season.

Under the rules of membership, every UASC family is required to work at and/or contribute concession food items to each home meet, regardless of whether their swimmers compete in the meet.

The number of sessions that a family must work and the number of food items that it must contribute is determined by the UASC Meet Coordinators. This is determined prior to each meet and generally depends on the training group of the family's oldest swimmer.

Families of pre-competitive swimmers are exempt from work and food duties. Siblings not competing or other surrogates may fulfill family work obligations if they are at least 14 years old. A family that does not completely fulfill its work and food obligations is subject to a fine of \$100 per unfilled session...

Please remember that we need you to make our meets successful.

Helpful hints for parents at their first swim meet

Before you leave checklist:

Bring swim cap & goggles (and an extra pair of both if you can)

Towels to keep your swimmer dry and warm

Cash for a meet program/heat sheet and concessions

Snacks for your swimmer (meets can run for a long time)

Plenty of fluids to drink natatoriums are hot and athletes need to stay hydrated.

A "Sharpie" marker to write your swimmers events on his/he hand/forearm so he/she knows when to report to the "Bullpen" (more on this below)

At the Meet:

You and your swimmer will need to know the following information provided in the Meet Program/Heat Sheet:

- Event (i.e. Event #101)
- Heat (i.e. Heat #2)
- Lane (i.e. Lane #3)

Most swimmers write their events on their hands or forearms with "Sharpie" markers for their reference (see below).

You get this information from the "Meet program" or "Heat Sheet". You can check the UASC web site to find out what events your child is participating in prior to the meet – this is called the "Meet Psych Sheet".

Your child may also participate in a "Team Relay". You will not know this until the coaches select relay participants on deck the day of the meet (be sure to ask your swimmer after warm-ups, if the coach asked them to be in a relay).

Your Swimmers Events

Here is a sample of how to write your swimmers race information on their hand/forearm (E=Event, H=Heat, L=Lane):

Event	Stroke	H	L
#101	50 Free	3	4
#201	25 BR	4	1
#301	25 FL	3	2
#401	25 BK	5	6

Be aware of the swim meet's current event and heat, so you can help your swimmer get to the Bullpen when their event is posted or announced.

The Bullpen:

The bullpen is simply an area where swimmers are seated in heat order, for the event they are swimming. This helps the meet organizers get swimmers to the blocks in an organized and timely manner. If you are in EVENT 5, you should start listening/looking for Bullpen seating during EVENT 3 and definitely by EVENT 4.

Final Notes:

Be encouraging and supportive! First time swimmers only need to focus on THEIR heat race! They only need to look at how they did against 5 other swimmers. This should help to calm and relax nerves. Encourage your swimmer to focus on small successes! (i.e. getting an event time, having a fast 25 yards, having a fast 50 yards, finishing a 100-yard event, not getting DQ'd, swimming faster than their previous swim time, finishing first in their heat, having FUN!)

Remind your swimmer that is important to talk to their coaches after every event! No matter how they perform in their race. This helps them understand the outcome of each race and coaches will help them focus on their next race. This exercise helps the swimmers know their coaches and for coaches to better know their swimmers.

After several meets, this will all become habit for you and your swimmer. Relax, don't panic, ask any parent at a swim meet a question and they can help answer it for you! Have fun & wear cool clothing, crowded natatoriums get HOT! Most importantly...enjoy your first swim meet!

What if I have more questions about the UASC?

Please check the Club's website at www.uasc.org for additional information or contact Erin Reetz, Registrar at email at: erin.reetz@gmail.com

Club Communications

Folder Bins: Every swim family has a file folder at the High School Natatorium. This folder will contain swimmer awards and other misc. information and should be checked weekly

Email Blasts: Email blasts are sent when time critical information needs to be sent to one or multiple practice groups

Websites: www.uasc.org (Upper Arlington Swim Club) www.usaswimming.org (United States Swimming) www.swimohio.com (Ohio Swimming, Inc.)

Other Info: Bulletin Board at the High School Natatorium

This listing is provided by UASC to address questions, comments and or concerns concerning our swim club and its programs.

If you have questions about:	Contact:	Position:	Phone:
Training programs, competing in meets, your swimmers progress	Todd Saltus	Head Coach	
Visiting clubs, UASC home meet information	Jamie Masters	Meet Director	614-327-2536
Communications, Club emails	Erin Reetz	Communications	614-832-1976
UASC Website	Tony Contakis	Website Chair	
Club Finances	Jeff Caswell	Treasurer	614-679-5496
Fundraising activities	Abby Hollingsworth	Club President	614-657-7617
UASC/USA swimming registrations, membership fees, membership	Erin Reetz	Club Registrar	614-832-1976
Swimmer's entry fee accounts and balances	Erin Reetz	Entry Account Chair	614-832-1976
Becoming an official, Officiating UASC home meets	Tony Contakis	Official's Chair	
Working UASC Home Meets, Program Advertising	Janet Stephan	Meet Coordinator	
Meet Awards, Team Banquets	Beth Miller/Robyn Love	Awards Chairs	
Computers, Timing Equipment	Tony Blamer	Equipment Chair	
UASC out-of-town meet hotel accommodations	Vacant	Team Hotel Chair	
UASC Spirit Wear	Vacant	Spirit Wear Chair	
Swim-A-Thon	Jana Herzog	Swim-A-Thon Chair	
Ordering swimsuits, parkas, and other equipment	Sam Ruble	Swimville USA	

UPPER ARLINGTON SWIM CLUB is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of the Head Coach and ten to twelve Directors elected for two year terms by the Club membership in the spring of each year.

The Board of Directors addresses all issues affecting the welfare of the Club and makes decisions for the benefit of its members. Board responsibilities include managing Club finances, setting dues and fees, hiring and evaluating coaches, negotiating staff salaries, interacting with other swimming organizations, organizing Club sponsored swim meets, and staging special events.

The Upper Arlington Swim Club board of directors meets every third Tuesday of each month. Board meetings are open to members of the Club except for executive sessions. The Board requests that members who wish to attend a regularly-scheduled Board meeting or address the Board, provide one week's notice so they may be placed on the agenda.

Elected board members for 2020-2021 are as follows:

BOARD MEMBERS:	POSITION:	EMAIL:
Abby Hollingsworth	President	abbykress@hotmail.com
Janet Stephan	Past President	janetstephan@yahoo.com
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