



COMPETITIVE TEAM PACKET

Thank you for considering Piranha Aquatics for your child this swim season!

We are so excited to be entering our 9th season of providing quality aquatic programming to the Salem area and surrounding communities!

Some of our features:

- Low coach-to-athlete ratios
- Competent, experienced coaching staff

Registration is now open for returning athletes and will open August 1 for new swimmers and all registrations will occur online. You must register through the Team Unify platform.

For pricing and questions, please contact Head Coach Caroline McDermott at 330-548-SWIM or caroline@piranhaaquatics.com. We look forward to seeing you in the pool this fall!

COMPETITIVE TEAM

AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT REGISTRATION FEES AND MONTHLY PAYMENT PLANS:

7/15/16

Dear families,

Payments are due each month between the 1st and are considered late after the 5th of the month. We require that you keep a credit or debit card on file and your card will automatically be charged as needed on the first of the month. You will receive an invoice before the billing so you know your total amount due.

While we strongly encourage paying for, at the minimum, the short-course season as a whole, we understand that some families may not be able to make a financial commitment of this magnitude.

We define Short Course Season as the first day of practice in September through the highest level of Championship meet achieved.

We have three options available:

1. Pay for the entire short course season up front. **This saves you \$70 per swimmer!**
2. Pay for the short course season as two payments. The first payment is due along with registration and USA Swimming fees and the second is due December 1. **This saves you \$20 per swimmer.**
3. Monthly installment plan. This plan is broken up into 6 installments. When you register, you must pay your registration and USA Swimming fees. The next six installments are due on the 1st of each month. To spread out registration fees/payments at the beginning of the season, please register as soon as possible so your first monthly installment will occur on September 1.

(The monthly installment plan allows you to spread out your cost over six payments-the first of which is due September 1 and the last of which is due February 1). If you register after September 1 and choose the monthly installment plan, you are still responsible for all installments. Usually this means your October installment will be double.

We ask that you please plan to register before September 1st!

Please go to www.PiranhaAquatics.com to register.



2016-2017 DEVELOPMENTAL LEVEL DESCRIPTIONS

Competitive Track

All groups in the competitive groups follow the following guidelines:

- **USA Swimming Registration:** Required
- **USA Swimming Meet Participation:** Participation in a minimum of 6 USA Swimming sanctioned meets is expected. Swimmers in Silver and Gold are also expected to compete in the highest level of championship meet achieved.
- **Friday practice:** All groups (Bronze, Silver, Gold) all groups practice on Fridays together!
- **Practice equipment needed:** Please see the chart later in the document to see what is required.

BRONZE

This group continues to develop technique in the four competitive strokes, starts, and turns. Training for competition is introduced at this level.

- **Mini-Meet Participation:** Swimmers in this level are encouraged to participate in our mini-meets! These are fun, in-house “meets” that give swimmers a chance to show-off their improved skills to parents and family members.
- **Level Prerequisites:** Swimmers in this group should be able to swim all four strokes legally as well as execute a basic flip turn.

SILVER & GOLD

This group focuses on refining technique in the four strokes, starts and turns. Training for competition is incorporated daily.

- **Mini-Meet Participation:** Swimmers in this level may feel they have “outgrown” our mini-meets. We encourage swimmers at this level to come help time at mini meets to give back to our program.
- **Silver Level Prerequisites:** Prior competitive experience is required. Additionally, swimmers must be able to complete a legal 200-yard IM and at least 100 yards of two strokes legally.
- **Gold Level Prerequisites:** Prior competitive experience is required. Swimmers must be able to complete a legal 400 IM and 10x100 Freestyle on 1:35.

PRE/POST HS

This group is for swimmers who HAVE school sponsored swim teams (Canfield, etc). Swimmers in this level want to train and compete USA Swimming before and after high school season is over.

- **Level Prerequisites:** Prior competitive experience is required. Additionally, swimmers must be able to complete a legal 200-yard IM and at least 100 yards of two strokes legally.
- Swimmers will train with the Silver or Gold group depending on their ability.



PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Competitive Team		
Bronze: Choose 3	Tuesday 6:15-7:30 Wednesday 6:15-7:30 Thursday 6:55-8:10 Friday 4:25-6:00	
Silver: Choose 4	Monday-Thursday 6:40-8:30 Friday 4:25-6:00	Dryland M-Th from 6:40-7:15. Swimmers should wear tennis shoes and shorts over suits if desired.
Gold	Monday-Thursday 6:40-8:45 Friday 4:25-6:00	Dryland M-Th from 6:40-7:15. Swimmers should wear tennis shoes and shorts over suits if desired.

COMPETITIVE TEAM PAYMENT OPTIONS

ALL FAMILIES WITH SWIMMERS ON THE COMPETITIVE TEAM ARE REQUIRED TO KEEP A CREDIT CARD ON FILE IN OUR SYSTEM FOR BILLING EASE. WE DO NOT ACCEPT CASH OR CHECKS. THIS ALLOWS OUR BILLING SYSTEM TO BE AUTOMATED.

There is NO prorating for the competitive team. If you join in November, December, etc. you are still responsible for the entire season's fees. REGISTER early and come as much as you can for the best deal!

ONE-INSTALLMENT OPTION

Payment for team registration, USA Swimming and fees for the ENTIRE Short Course season is due in full by August 31.

TWO-INSTALLMENT OPTION

Payment for team registration, USA swimming fees and fees for the first half of the Short Course Season (\$333) due by August 31. The second half of your payment will be due on December 1 and will automatically be billed to your credit card on file.

6-INSTALLMENT OPTION

Payment for team registration, USA swimming are due by August 31. The next 6 months will be your swim team installments and will automatically be billed to your credit card on file on the first of the month. (Last installment due Feb 1)

INSTALLMENT OPTION DETAILS:

- If you register later than Sep 1st, you are still responsible for the total of 6 installments.
- When you register, you will be invoiced/billed immediately for your registration fee(s); your first installment will be invoiced on September 1st.



TEAM UNIFY REGISTRATION AND PAYMENTS

- For the 2016-2017 season you will be required to register your swimmers through the Team Unify site.
- On the 1st of the month, Team Unify will AUTOMATICALLY process your credit card on file.
- Invoices are generated on the 1st of each month for the next month's Installment Plan (unless you paid annually) and any team fees from the previous month that occurred. (Meet entries, spirit wear, USA Registration, etc.)
- Late fees of \$10 per swimmer will automatically be added to your account by Team Unify software if you do not process a payment by the 5th.

DRYLAND TRAINING FOR SILVER AND GOLD

All swimmers in SILVER and GOLD will receive dryland training with Laurie Camp, a certified trainer at the SCC (who we love!) There is a small fee to cover this cost and it will be assessed during registration.

SERVICE POINTS

Because we are making an effort to promote swimming greater Youngstown area/local level, we host multiple swim meets. In order to provide this service for our community, all families that register for the competitive team are required to complete a minimum amount of service points. There is an option at registration to buy out of your requirement. If you do not complete your points, you will be billed at the end of the short course season for the points you have remaining.



EQUIPMENT AND TEAM APPAREL REQUIREMENTS

APPAREL

- The only *REQUIRED* Piranha apparel is the team latex cap, which is free when you register for Piranhas.
- Swimmers are *REQUIRED* to wear the team cap at practice and meets.
- Silicone caps are available for purchase for \$15 if you wish to “upgrade” your cap.
- Additionally, any swim caps with Piranhas on them that swimmers earn throughout the season can be worn at practice.
- **Swimmers in HS, Silver and Gold are required to purchase a snorkel. We will order these as a group once the season starts. If you do not have one you will need to order this at the time of registration.**
- Try to purchase Speedo products as much as possible as they sponsor our program!

EQUIPMENT

The table below shows what equipment is required for your child’s developmental level.

Equipment can be purchased through Swim Outlet.com. We have our preferred products marked. Whenever you shop for swim things, please use this link-even if you venture outside our website, as we get 10% back towards the program every time someone shops through the link. <http://www.swimoutlet.com/piranhaaquatics>

If you need help ordering we are happy to order equipment for you and we will bill your account.

CHART OF USA REGISTRATION AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS BY DEVELOPMENTAL LEVEL

Group	USA Reg	USA Swim Meets (Minimum attendance)	Equipment						
			Team Cap	Water Bottle	Fins	Kick board	Pull Buoy	Tennis Shoes (worn in water)	SNORKEL & Forearm Fulcrums
Bronze	Required	6 including regional champs	x	x	x	x	x		
Silver	Required	6 + regional champs	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Gold & Pre/Post HS	Required	6 + champs of highest level achieved	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

*All females must wear a one-piece suit to practice

A full packet of information with more details and pricing is available after talking to our coaching staff. Please contact Head Coach Caroline McDermott at 330-548-SWIM or caroline@piranhaaquatics.com. We look forward to seeing you in the pool this fall!

