



# CAJ Parents Information Night

September 17, 2023

# Introductory Remarks

Colleen Murdoch, Club President/Registrar



# Agenda

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- Introductory Remarks
- Meet our Coaches & Start-Up Information!
- Registration Reminders
- Fundraising & Upcoming Events
- Meets & Signing Up
- Equipment
- Sponsorship
- Family Commitment
  - Bingo
  - Officials Information
- Q & A Session



# Meet Our Coaches!

Trevor Campbell, Head Coach



# Registration

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- Keep your login information handy
- Monthly credit card payments – please ensure credit card information is up to date
- Future payments on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month October through May 1st
- Ensure you are receiving club emails
- Swim Canada registration reminder
- Questions – email [cajregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:cajregistrar@gmail.com)



# Events

Sarah Ashley, Social & Fundraising Committee



# Events & Meets

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- Events are posted on the 'Events' page of the website
- Includes: meets and social events

**October 14** – Team Day at Dolson Pool, 8 am – 10 am

**November (TBD)** – Team Breakfast

**December** – Food & Bottle Drive

**February** – Team Tubing at Chicopee

**March** – Krispy Kreme fundraiser

**April** – Swim-A-Thon



# Signing Up for Meets

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- Events are posted on the 'Events' page of the website
- An email will be sent when a new event is posted and available for your group to sign up
- Read fully the information online, including the Meet Package (costs, dates/times etc.)
- Log in to your account and 'declare'
- Meets are charged as they happen at the beginning of the following month
- You are charged no matter whether you show up to swim or not – if you say your swimmer is coming – we are charged and therefore you will be!





# Equipment

Chris Murdoch, Club Equipment Manager



# Required Equipment By Group

Equipment	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced
Goggles <sup>1</sup>	M	M	M
CAJ Swim Suit <sup>2</sup>	M	M	M
CAJ Swim Cap <sup>3</sup>	M	M	M
Fins		M	M
Snorkel		O	M
Paddles & Kickboard <sup>4</sup>		O	O
Pull Float <sup>4</sup>		O	O

1. Goggles are required for all swimmers in all age groups. It is recommended that swimmers keep an extra pair of goggles in their swim bag for practices and meets.
2. CAJ or Blue swimsuits are preferred for all meets (full-piece (racing back preferred))
3. CAJ yellow swim caps are required at all swim meets. It is recommended that swimmers keep an extra swim cap in their swim bag for practices and meets.
4. Swimmers are expected to show up to all meets in CAJ clothing for the deck (t-shirt or other team wear)



# Team T-Shirts

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- All team swimmers receive a free personalized Aquajets t-shirt as part of their registration.
- T-shirts are 'ordered' online. Parents will have to go to the link provided and order the correct size and enter the child's name (please watch your spelling!)
- Only t-shirts for swimmers are ordered here. If other family members wish to order team gear you can do so through the team store
- Link will be emailed to families shortly



# Team Day - Tryons

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- At Team Day on October 14<sup>th</sup>, we will have swimsuits available to try on (male & female); we have some leftover inventory from last season that will be available for purchase, otherwise you will order online through Ly Sports
- We will also have swim caps, a limited number of goggles and Aquajets decals to purchase
- Payment for all equipment purchases made in house are applied to the credit card you have on account with the Aquajets
- We will also run a “2<sup>nd</sup> Life” table – families can donate gently used Aquajets items (including suits & clothing) or other race suits etc. that no longer fit. Please ensure they have been washed
  - Items will be available to purchase for a donation to the club



# ONLINE TEAM STORE

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## CAJ Clothing & Team Wear

- The club offers CAJ clothing throughout the year and is available for swimmers and family members. All clothing and team gear will only be sold through the online store coordinated by All Team Sports. The online store will be open for 2-3 weeks in October. There will be a 2nd store in the Spring. Christmas presents should be purchased during the first store!
- No items offered through the online store will be available directly through the club (sweatshirts, hats, parent t-shirts, bingo shirts etc.)
- NEW - Items such as back packs, parkas, swimsuits, goggles, gear and personalized swim caps will be available through Ly Sports all year round on our Team Portal. New this year – Team Towels
- Swim suits and caps will be only available for limited times as they do require minimum orders. The club/coaches will have plain caps available to purchase anytime. A limited inventory of swimsuits will also be available at the team try-on day.
- Please note that some clothing items will still require a minimum order to be processed. All Sports will issue a refund if an order cannot proceed.



# ONLINE TEAM STORE

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- 1<sup>st</sup> Store opens the second week of October and will be open for 10-14 days
- Go to <http://www.cambridgeaquajets.com>
- Go to the “Equipment” tab
- Click on AQUA JETS ONLINE STORE
- Click on the link and begin to place your order.
- If you would like to try on the items offered through the online store you can do so by contacting **All Team Sports** (formally Source for Sports) and ask for Serge at 519-622-3777. All Sports is located at 4-1710 Bishop St. N., Cambridge, On, N1T 1T2



# Shark Card

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- If you are not comfortable ordering equipment online, Team Aquatics is the most local “swim” store to us. Suits and other equipment can be purchased here.
- The Shark Card gives you a 20% discount on your purchases online and in store. The card is available on our website under “Equipment” – recommend taking a screenshot and saving to your phone
- Team Aquatics website is located on the Aquajets website under the equipment tab.
- Team Aquatic Supplies is located at 5035 Unit A-10 North Service Road, Burlington, On.



## NEW!

- We have a new custom Team Portal with Ly Sports for equipment and gear purchases, that is available all year long. There will be a link that directs you to our team page once I have finalized it.
- The website will be located on the Aquajets website under the equipment tab.
- Ly Sports is located at 1315 Wyandotte St. E., Windsor Ontario
- We have a team code (CAQUAJETS2023) which gives our team a 5% kickback and YOU a 2% discount at checkout.





# Team Sponsorship

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Two levels of sponsorship

- Tier 1 - \$300 - Company logo will be printed on the back of our team t-shirt
- Tier 2 - \$400 - Company logo will be printed on the back of our team t-shirt and advertised as a sponsor on the CAJ website
- Please make cheques payable to “Cambridge Aquajet Swim Club”
- Receipts will be issued (not charitable receipts)
- All of the funds go directly to cover club expenses including pool fees and equipment.
- Questions? Email [cajsponsorship@gmail.com](mailto:cajsponsorship@gmail.com)



# Family Commitment

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- Outside of our coaches, the club is run by volunteers
- We require assistance from families to continue to provide a great swimming and social experience for the swimmers, as well as provide funding for the club, which helps keep registration costs down
- For example, last year our participation at Bingo nights raised close to \$30,000 that would otherwise be applied to registration fees
- A swim meet requires a min. of 40 volunteers to run smoothly, from timing to organizing – every position makes a difference and provides swimmers with an opportunity to race and get a time.
- Other things like social and fundraising events and our Board of Directors all require volunteer power!



# Family Commitment

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- For the 2023-24 season, a parent from each family is expected to volunteer for 3 activities over the course of the season. A minimum of 1 commitment should be completed by January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Each unfulfilled commitment will result in a \$300 fee being applied to your account; Payments will be applied February 1 and June 15th
- Volunteer activities include helping at a swim meet (CAJ hosted or another club's) or a bingo session in any combination.
- Additional volunteer opportunities sometimes arise such as helping with a fundraiser (Swim-A-Thon), a club event or being a board member
- We are looking for a couple of additional board members. Members meet monthly (Tuesday evenings) as well as assist with club operations. If interested, email [cajpresident@gmail.com](mailto:cajpresident@gmail.com)





# Bingo Information

Tara Pedersen



# Why Bingos?

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- In conjunction with the OLG, charity organizations are able to volunteer at the Cambridge Bingo Centre in order to receive a portion of the profits
- It is easy to do - simply call out the serial number on the winning cards
- Each Bingo night raises money for the Club which helps pay for pool rentals and keep our fees low (\$30K in 2022-23!)
- Bingo volunteering counts towards your family commitment





# When, Where and How?

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- Bingo runs year round
- We require a minimum of 2 volunteers per session and the assignment is 2 hours in length
- Volunteers must complete an online training session prior to volunteering which is approximately 45 minutes in length and can be found at <https://www.charitablegaming.com/volunteer-training>
- We currently have dates up until December which need to be filled and will receive more dates in January
- An email is always sent out when we have that information and spots will be filled on a first come first serve basis
- Bingos are held at the Cambridge Gaming Centre, 255 Elgin Street North, Cambridge



# Training and the “Uniform”

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- Currently any member of our organization can volunteer for bingo that has completed the online training
- If you would like to do bingos please send me an email at [mark.tara@me.com](mailto:mark.tara@me.com) with your name, your swimmer’s name and swimmer’s group so you can receive bingo sign up emails
- We do have to wear a “Uniform” which consists of a CAJ Navy Bingo Shirt, dark pants and casual shoes – no hats, shorts, flip flops or speedos
- Bingo Shirts can be ordered through our online store which our equipment manager Chris will post

# Extra Bingos

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- Bingos are very important to the Club, and occasionally we get the opportunity to pick up an extra session - often short notice
- If we get extra bingo time slots I will send out an email looking for volunteers and the spots will again be filled on a first come, first served basis



# Officials Information



# Why we need Officials



**Swim meets** are an essential part of the sport of swimming allowing athletes to test their skill and reach their swimming goals!

**Swimming officials** implement the technical and administrative rules of swimming and ensure the competition is fair for all athletes. From the smallest club to the Olympics it is all done by volunteers.

In Ontario, officials positions are **filled by volunteers** including parents, family members, and individuals dedicated to the sport of swimming. To qualify as a swim official individuals **attend clinics**, receive **on-deck training** and are **certified by Swim Ontario and Swimming Canada**.

## Officiating for CAJ

CAJ, like all swim clubs in Canada, **relies heavily on parents participating as officials**. Parents complete the Intro (Timer) and Safety Marshal Clinic and the Stroke and Turn Clinic and spend their time on deck as Timers, Head Lane Timers, Stroke Judges or Turn Judges. However, all volunteers are encouraged to move beyond these entry-level officials' positions. It will add a little variety to the volunteer experience and help fill an ever-present need to develop on-deck officials



# Certification Pathway

Swimming Canada has an established certification pathway for Officials

New pathway will come into effect for the 25/26 season



Level I - Red Pin



Level II - White Pin



Level III - Orange Pin



Level IV - Green Pin



Level V - Blue Pin



# Meet Staffing

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## Jobs & Requirements

Volunteer training requirements have not changed.

### New to Officiating?

Intro to Swimming/Safety Marshal is mandatory to work any job at a swim meet.

### If you worked as a timer last year

Turn Judge is the next mandatory clinic. This clinic is conducted in person.

We need people to work on other positions such as Chief Timekeeper, Starter, Chief Finish Judge, Meet Manager and Clerk of Course.



# Upcoming Clinics

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CAJ Hosted Clinics (sign up links on the website)

- The only in-person clinic will be Turn Judge.
- All other clinics will be virtual or self-paced.
- Watch your e-mails and the education portal for more information



Questions? Email Darren Richer, Officials Chair –  
[cajofficials@gmail.com](mailto:cajofficials@gmail.com)



# Q & A





THANK YOU FOR  
COMING!

SEE YOU AT THE POOL!

