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R.C. Durr Barracudas Swim Team

**Athlete/Parent Information
& Registration Packet
2025/26 Swim Season**

Check out our team website





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Membership Offer for Swim Teams

The Y's competitive swim team helps kids value hard work, reach for excellence, and enjoy spirited competition. All teams are members of USA Swimming and compete in local, regional, and national meets.

Offer valid for first 3 months for NEW TO THE Y & SWIM TEAM swimmers and their families. Contact your local Y for more information.

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\$53

per month

for a family membership

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Y Swim Team – Barracudas

Hot Tips for Parents

2025/26 Swim Season

To share important updates and policies for the upcoming swim season, we've created this Hot Tip Sheet. For general questions, contact Lisa Harkrader at mharkrader@myy.org. For payment or registration inquiries, reach out to Kristine Schmidt, Transformation & Membership Director, at kschmidt@myy.org.

Our goals this season are strong **SWIMMER PARTICIPATION** in meets, increased **PARENT INVOLVEMENT**, and **FUN ACTIVITIES** for sportsmanship. The championship meets are in early March and mid-July 2026.

GROUP DESCRIPTIONS

Group placements serve as general guidelines. Coaches will make final decisions based on what's best for each swimmer. Moves to the next group will be discussed with parents when the swimmer is ready, typically between short and long course seasons.

PLATINUM

For swimmers aged 13–18 who have achieved AA and above time standards. This group trains at a high level with a focus on YMCA Nationals. A year-round commitment is required to reach National standards. Most swimmers in this group have grown up in the program or have prior competitive experience and are expected to compete in most meets.

IRON

Designed for 13–18-year-olds, with a strong focus on technique refinement and building conditioning. Training includes IM, interval sets, and aerobic base work. These swimmers are "pumping Iron" to move up to Platinum.

COBALT

A performance group primarily for 11–12-year-olds. Swimmers 10 and under may be included if they've achieved a Zone cut. Athletes in this group have mastered all four strokes and often have prior Barracuda experience. The focus is on 100s of each stroke, 500 Free, and the 200 IM. Swimmers are working toward AA and Zone qualifying times.

SILVER

For competitive swimmers aged 11–14. The group begins with a focus on stroke technique and 100-yard races, then transitions to longer events (200 yards and up) as the season progresses. Drills and technique remain a priority throughout the season. This is typically where year-round commitment begins.

BRONZE

Designed for swimmers aged 8–11 with at least one season of competitive experience. Initial focus is on improving stroke technique, starts, and turns. The season then transitions to mastering 100s and 200s, with the introduction of mid-distance and endurance training.

COPPER

For intermediate instructional swimmers aged 10 and under. Athletes must have at least three legal strokes. Emphasis is placed on developing stroke fundamentals, as well as starts and turns through drill-based instruction.

NICKEL

For beginning instructional swimmers aged 10 and under who can swim both freestyle and backstroke. The focus is on learning competitive swimming rules and developing diving skills.

MINI CUDAS

This group is for younger swimmers not yet ready for full competitive training. Practice runs September through early March. Swimmers ready for the competitive team will be invited to join in April for a nominal summer season fee. Mini Cudas may attend meets. *Note: this group does not run during the long course season (April–July).*

ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICING – Group Fees Include:

- Practice times (water and dryland)
- 2 team t-shirts (regular season and championship)
- 2 team swim caps
- End-of-season award
- End-of-season banquet (\$10/swimmer)
- Coaches' gifts (\$10/swimmer)
- TeamUnify fee/advertising
- Administrative fees (e.g., meet fee processing)

Season Dates:

All groups (except Mini Cudas):

- Short Course Season: September–March
- Long Course Season: April–July

Stroke Clinics:

- Silver & above: 1-hour outdoor stroke clinics begin August 18, 2025 (3x/week)
- Bronze & below: Optional July/August stroke clinics (additional fee)

ADDITIONAL FEES (Not Included in Group Fees)

- Team swimsuit (and any additional suits your swimmer may need)
- USA Swimming registration fees (for swimmers attending USA-sanctioned meets)
- Individual and relay meet entry fees (*automatically charged the Thursday prior to the meet*)
- Required swim equipment
- Team/individual photos

VOLUNTEERING REQUIREMENTS

- Home Meet (November):
 - Families with 1–2 swimmers: 2 volunteer jobs
 - Families with 3+ swimmers: 3 volunteer jobs
- Committee Participation:
 - Each family must serve on at least one committee from September 2025 to July 2026
 - Committees include: Banquet, Holiday, Lock-In, Annual Campaign, etc.
 - Sign-ups will be explained at the Parent Meeting on Wednesday, September 10, 2025
- Championship Meets (A, AA, Zones, Nationals):
 - Volunteer spots will be filled via random drawing based on meet participation
- Missed Commitments:
 - A \$75 fee will be charged for each unfulfilled volunteer obligation

GROUP RATES (2025/26 Season)

Group	Total Cost	Monthly Payment (Sept–March)
Mini Cudas	\$675	\$96.42
Nickel	\$1,020	\$145.71
Copper	\$1,134	\$162.00
Bronze	\$1,270	\$181.42
Silver	\$1,470	\$210.00
Cobalt	\$1,470	\$210.00
Iron	\$1,767	\$252.43
Platinum	\$2,142	\$306.00

Important Notes:

- 6% sales tax is added to all group fees
- 3% processing fee applies to credit card payments
- \$0.39 processing fee for EFT (bank draft) payments
- Pay in full with cash/check to avoid service fees
- One-time, non-refundable registration fee:
 - \$50/swimmer or \$75/family
 - Register by August 15 for a \$10 discount
- Cancellation fee (if you register and later withdraw): \$125

PAYMENT POLICIES & DETAILS

- Monthly automatic drafts begin September 1, 2025, and run for 7 months
- All dues must be paid in full by March 1, 2026
- If you join after September, missed months will be charged to stay on schedule
- You may choose to pay in full at registration (no discount is given)
- Sibling discount: 10% off each additional swimmer (applied to lower group rates)
- Multiple households/accounts? Contact Kristine Schmidt at registration to make arrangements

Move-Up Fee Policy:

- A one-time flat fee applies when a swimmer is invited to move up between Short and Long Course seasons
- Fee is charged once confirmation is received; payment plan will be adjusted accordingly

New Swimmers:

- Mid-season starts (Short or Long Course) will be prorated
- Summer-only swimmers will be on a separate, one-time payment structure

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT

To be eligible to practice and compete, each swimmer must have an active YMCA membership in good standing. Options include:

- Family Membership: Enjoy YMCA benefits for the whole family
- Introductory Family Membership: \$53/month + \$50 join fee (for new Y & team families; valid for first 3 months only)
- Teen Membership: Available for swimmers aged 13+. Parents of teen members may only access the facility for practice viewing or volunteering

Membership Holds:

Holding your YMCA membership will make your swimmer ineligible for practice/meets and will not reduce swim team fees.

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

All swimmers must complete the following to be eligible for practice:

- ☒ Program Registration Form (one per swimmer; must include parent volunteer email)
- ☒ Automatic Payment Draft Authorization Form (one per family)
- ☒ Swimmer/Parent Code of Conduct Form (one per swimmer)

Return all forms to Kristine Schmidt.

Missing forms will prevent participation.



R.C. Durr YMCA Barracuda Swim Team Athlete & Parent Athlete Code of Conduct

Our goal is to foster a safe, respectful, and supportive environment that allows every swimmer to thrive. This Code of Conduct outlines the expectations for both swimmers and their families. By participating on our team, you agree to uphold the values of **CARING, HONESTY, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, and SPORTSMANSHIP** at all times.

For Swimmers: Expectations

1. Attendance & Commitment

- Arrive on time for practices, meets, and team events.
- Notify coaches in advance if you are going to have long-term absences (missing more than a week).
- Participate with effort and focus.

2. Sportsmanship

- Treat teammates, coaches, opponents, and officials with respect.
- Congratulate others, win or lose.
- Represent our team with pride and integrity.
- Participate in team activities with a positive and fun attitude.

3. Caring & Team Spirit

- Support your teammates.
- Create a welcoming environment for all.
- Include others and avoid cliques.

4. Honesty

- Be truthful in communication with coaches and teammates.
- Own your actions, both in and out of the pool.

5. Respect

- Follow the rules and directions from coaches and staff.
- Be respectful of teammates as individuals and fellow athletes.
- Do not touch or take others' belongings without permission.
- Do not cause physical or emotional harm to others.
- Be respectful of facilities, equipment, and others.
- Use appropriate and respectful language and behavior, both in and out of the pool.

6. Responsibility

- Take care of your gear and team equipment.
- Clean up after yourself at practices and meets.
- Be accountable for your behavior and choices.

7. Zero Tolerance for Bullying

- No name-calling, exclusion, intimidation, or harassment.
- Bullying in person or online will not be tolerated.

For Parents/Guardians: Expectations

1. Support the Team Mission

- Promote a positive, athlete-centered environment.
- Practices are closed to parents. Parents are not permitted on deck or near practice lanes unless there is an emergency.

- Allow coaches to coach without interference.

2. Communicate Respectfully

- Address concerns privately, with coaches or staff at an appropriate time.
- Avoid gossip, negativity, or public complaints (especially in front of swimmers).
- Do not contact coaches through texting unless the coaches give you permission or contact you first. **The preferred method of contact is via email.**
- Remember, all coaches have jobs outside of the YMCA – they cannot always respond immediately.

3. Model Team Values

- Demonstrate sportsmanship at meets.
- Speak positively about all athletes, coaches, and officials.
- Support your swimmer without applying pressure for results.

4. Follow Facility & Team Rules

- Supervise non-swimming children at practices/meets.
- Abide by safety protocols and staff directions.

Warning & Consequence System

Level	Behavior	Action Taken
1st Warning	Minor violation (disrespect, unsportsmanlike conduct, etc.)	Verbal warning from coach/staff. Reminder of expectations.
2nd Warning	Continued or more serious issue (infractions on this CoC or the Member CoC)	Written warning and parent meeting. May include sit-out from practice or meet.
3rd Warning	Major or repeated offense (harmful behavior of persons or property, etc.)	Suspension from practice or meet(s). Written action plan required for return.
Final Step	Severe misconduct (bullying, threatening behavior, dishonesty, or persistent issues)	Removal from the team. No refund of fees.

NOTE: Serious infractions (e.g., physical aggression, harassment, discrimination, or bullying) may result in immediate suspension or dismissal without prior warnings depending on the severity.

Acknowledgement

All families and swimmers must sign this Code of Conduct at the start of each season. By signing, you agree to uphold the team's values and understand the consequences of misconduct.

Swimmer Name (Print): _____

Swimmer Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

PROGRAM REGISTRATION



Complete this registration form in full. Payment is due at the time of registration. Families registering more than one child will need to fill out a **separate registration form for each child**.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____

Primary Phone _____

Email Address _____

Birth Date _____ Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

(If participant is a minor, the below information is required)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____

Primary Phone _____

Email Address _____

Birth Date _____ Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Session/Class Name	Day(s)	Time	Fee
SUB TOTAL - (Prior to credits/discounts issued)			\$
CREDITS/DISCOUNTS - (Account credits, NMCs, program subsidies, gift cards)			\$
AMOUNT DUE - (Total amount due to complete registration)			\$

POLICY ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Program registration is not guaranteed for mail in and drop-off registrations.
- Registrations will be on a first come, first served by member priority.
- In the event we have to cancel a program due to unforeseen issues, we will follow our stated make-up policy. Ask our staff about the make-up policy for your specific program.
- In the event a participant is unable to attend a class for any reason, we will not guarantee a make-up class.

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I understand that the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati assumes no responsibility for injuries or illness which I may sustain as a result of my physical condition or resulting from my participation in any athletic activities, sports program, the use of any equipment, exercise, or any other activity at the YMCA. I expressly acknowledge on behalf of myself and my heirs that assume the risk of any and all illness, which may result from my participation in these activities. I hereby release and discharge the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati, its agents, servants, and employees from any and all claims for injury, death, loss, or damage which I may suffer as a result of my participation in these activities. I understand that the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati is not responsible for any personal property lost or stolen while using the YMCA facilities or while on YMCA premises. I give my permission to the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati to use photographs, film footage, audio, or video tape recordings, which may include my image or voice for the purpose of promoting and interpreting YMCA programs and services to the general public. I will adhere to the YMCA Code of Conduct. I understand that the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati will hold me accountable to the Code of Conduct and may restrict my access to the YMCA upon breach of the code.

ACCEPTANCE: I acknowledge the Waiver set forth above and, being in sympathy with the mission of the YMCA, hereby accept the policies and procedures of the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati.

Participant Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (If participant is a minor) _____

Date _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Account #: _____ ☐ Member ☐ Non-Member
Received by: _____ ☐ Daxko Processed

Last Name

First Name

Date



YMCA OF GREATER CINCINNATI

R.C. Durr YMCA Barracuda Swim Team Draft Agreement 2025/26 Swim Season

ELECTRONIC PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

I authorize my bank/credit card company to honor pre-authorized drafts drawn by the YMCA on my account for swim team payments and/or contributions. I understand that my draft will be drawn on the 1st day of each month.

Initials _____

I understand there are processing fees applied to my transactions: 3% to CREDIT CARDS and \$0.39 for EFT bank draft.

Initials _____

I understand that all swim team payments must be paid in full by March 1, 2026, regardless of my join date to the team.

Initials _____

I understand that if I join AFTER the September 1 draft, I will be charged the missed months to keep final payment schedule on track.

Initials _____

If at any time there is to be a change or cancellation of my team registration, it is to be submitted in writing to the YMCA, **ten (10) days prior** to my scheduled monthly draft date. Failure to do so will result in that month's draft being non-refundable. I also understand that if I cancel my membership or put it on hold; I will not be a participant of the swim team.

Initials _____

I understand that if I cancel my swim team registration, I will be eligible for a stop payment for all future drafts that are scheduled. All cancellations must be in writing **ten (10) days prior** to my scheduled monthly draft date. Not all cancellations will be eligible for refunds.

Initials _____

I understand that I will be charged a **\$50/\$75 registration fee** at the time of registration (per swimmer/family) for processing

Initials _____

I understand that if I cancel my swim team registration after registration has been completed and processed, I will be charged a **\$125 cancellation fee**.

Initials _____

I understand that my swimmer(s) must be in good standing with our membership department in order to participate in all aspects of the team. Failure to do so will result in my swimmer being made ineligible.

Initials _____

When the bank/credit card company honors the draft by charging my account, such drafts constitute my receipt for the payment. Should any draft not be honored by said bank when received by them, it is my understanding that the payment is to be made by me in the amount of said payment plus a \$20 service charge.

Initials _____

At the time of dropping off registration forms and payment information, please ensure that any **new** credit/debit card or EFT information is placed on file at the Welcome Center. Failure to do so will only delay the processing of your swimmers registration.

☐ **Please charge credit card on file:** Account Type:
☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ EFT Bank Draft

Last 4-digits of Credit/Debit Card: _____ Expiration Date: _____

SWIM MEET PAYMENT & TEAM INCIDENTALS AUTHORIZATION

I authorize the above method of payment to be charged for all swim meet fees and team incidentals (i.e. extra swim caps, team spirit wear, etc.) at time of purchase or by the Thursday prior to the meet if payment has not been dropped in the team payment box.

Initials _____