



ABOUT THE SHARKS PROGRAM



The Margate Sharks competitive swimming team has become one of the growing programs in the area. Since 2014, the team has grown steadily and has made its mark at different levels of swimming, such as Silver Champs and Junior Olympics.

The team competes in both Dual (team vs. team) and USA Swimming (travel) meets during the season. USA participation is encouraged but is optional depending upon the level of the swimmer. The team is a registered USA club and participates in USA meets whenever possible.

The program begins practice in September and runs through the end March. Dual meets and Championships are swum during this time. Swimmers may extend their season into March by qualifying for Bronze Champs, Silver Champs or Junior Olympics.

Greater South Jersey Swim League: The Sharks program operates one team in the GSJ Swim League with 6 dual meets each season. Everyone is eligible to compete in championships as long as you swim in 2 dual meets. Dual Meets start in mid November and run thru Mid-January. League Champs will take place between the end of January/beginning of February.

Bronze Championships: Is a USA meet held at North Penn High School in PA. This is an opportunity for the bronze level swimmers to compete in a large championship style meet and possibly achieve Silver Champ qualifying times. This meet is qualified by time and has over 25 teams and 800+ swimmers at the meet. This meet is usually the second weekend in March.

Silver Championship: Is a USA meet held at Gloucester County Institute of Technology in Sewell, NJ. This is an opportunity for the silver level swimmers to compete in a large championship style meet. This meet is qualified by time and has over 25 teams and 1,000 athletes attending. This meet is usually the last two weekends in March, Friday-Sunday.

Junior Olympics: Is a USA meet held at York, YMCA in York, PA from teams involved in the Middle Atlantic Region. The Sharks had its first J.O.'s qualifier in 2015. This meet takes place in the beginning of March, Thursday-Sunday.

New Jersey States: Is a USA meet held at Gloucester County Institute of Technology in Sewell, NJ, with teams across the entire state. The Sharks continue to place in finals in team competition. This meet takes place in the beginning of December.

The coaching staff will strive to provide the variety of experiences a developing swimmer needs to prepare him/her for competition. Education, motivation, determination, and team pride are some of the cornerstones on which the Sharks have built their early success. We expect our swimmers to make a commitment to helping the team by developing a good work ethic and making a positive contribution in a manner consistent with the philosophies of the JCC. If you should have questions about our program, please contact Alicia Fimple-Paccione at 609.822.1167 ext. 133, afimple@jccatlantic.org or visit us at www.teamunify.com/majccms

Fees & Membership

Practice group and current season rates determine fees. Spring and summer programs are additional. If you are not a JCC member or do not have a JCC membership, you are required to purchase a swim team membership at the cost of \$100 for September-March. **We are pleased to offer you a discount of nearly \$300 off of a snowbird FAMILY MEMBERSHIP this season – a cost of \$500 for 9 months.** You are also required to pay a team administration fee of \$75 by 10/1/18. Once Volunteer services have been completed, you will be refunded on 4/1/20.