



Charger Family,

Welcome back! With school starting and our August break over, it is time to kick off our 2025-2026 short course season. I have some Board news to share with you.

First, I want to thank Rebecca Healy, who has served as our Board Secretary for the last year has stepped down from her position the end of August. If you don't know her, she is an absolute ray of sunshine. Thank you Rebecca.

Second, I am happy to announce that Eva de Andres has agreed to serve as the Board's new Secretary. Her twin daughters Leah and Alhiana swim on the Yellow Team and she has served on the Board for over three years already. Muchas gracias Eva.

As I have mentioned in past newsletters, 2024 was the best overall year for our club across a host of metrics and 2025 is looking to finish even stronger. In our September newsletter I will focus on our achievements and what our goals are for the upcoming season.

Good to have our kids back in the water. Keep swimming fast and having fun.

Mikey Hersom
President



CAQ TEAM DAY

September 20, 2025 at 12PM
Albuquerque Academy



Team Day! Come hang with your Albuquerque teammates, enjoy breakfast, get team and individual photos, and pick up your gear for the season.

Hope to see you all there!



COACHES Corner



Welcome to the 2025 / 2026 Short Course Season!

The end of the long course season was a whirlwind over July and August but we had some great performances. I was very impressed with how our swimmers handled a State meet that not only was very challenging in terms of warm-up and cool down availability but ended 1.5 days early due to a mechanical malfunction at the pool. While a little frustrated and disappointed, all of our swimmers stepped up and many went best times regardless. We can't always control our environment but we can control how we react and I thought our swimmers modeled that mentality very well.

In the 10 years I've coached this team we've had many different chapters end and many new one's begin and through it all we've gotten better every year. It won't be the same but it will be great in different ways that we have yet to experience. **Onward and upward!**

This means our veteran swimmers should help their new lane mates learn what the workouts mean and what is expected in terms of focus and attention. For our veteran families this means helping that new family learn how to sign up for meets, or showing them how to find their kids on "meet mobile". I can't do it alone and need you all. If we all help out in these seemingly "little" areas it will lead to a much stronger team.

Lee Romero Taylor
Head Coach



Have questions or news to share?
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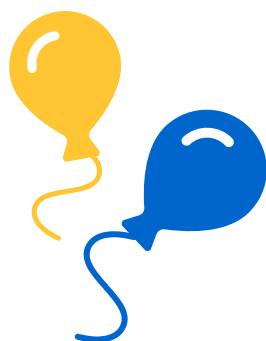
Happy birthday to all our swimmers who are having or had a birthday recently! If we missed any please let us know!

August Birthdays:

Leo DiDomenico (8)
Ophelia Grafe (15)
Elena Roth (14)
Andi Severy (13)

September Birthdays:

Sofia Fuge (16)
Aadya Guram (10)
Andre Hersom (16)
Arturo Medrano (10)
Lily Moore (13)
Lucia Roth (17)
Danner White (11)
Calder Wood (13)



TYR TEAM GEAR

Our new TYR Team Portal is now open!

1. Go to teams.tyr.com
2. Create a username/account
3. Input the access code of **04219**

IT'S REGISTRATION TIME!

We still have a large number of swimmers that need to **register with the team and USA Swimming** for this season. Please do so ASAP and if you have any questions don't hesitate to reach out to Coach Lee.

Here's the information on how to register for both, with our team as well as USA Swimming.



Step 1

Charger Aquatics Santa Fe Team Registration

Login to your CAQ-SF Team Unify Account and click on the "Register" button. There is a \$75 per family registration fee. New families will need to create a new account.

On bottom of the screen select the group that you are registering for and add it to the cart, then "check out" to complete the CAQ-SF membership registration process.



Step 2

USA Swimming Registration

Athletes must also register online with USA Swimming via the provided link. New parents can create one account per family, then register each child swimmer under that account. Returning families should be able to simply log in then hit "Renew" on their child's account. The USA Swimming registration is \$80.45 per child and will be paid directly to USA swimming upon registering via their website.



2025/26 Short Course Championship Season

6 Sept	LSC Intrasquad Meet September 6-7, 2025 ABQ Academy	Group: Jr, White, Yellow, Blue
13 Sept	Jeff Mortenson Memorial Open September 13-14, 2025 UNM	Group: Jr, White, Yellow, Blue
20 Sept	CAQ Team Photo & Team Breakfast September 20 ABQ Academy	Group: Jr, White, Yellow, Blue
26 Sept	LCAT Dan France Memorial Pecan Classic September 26-28 Las Cruces, NMSU (family travel)	Group: White, Yellow, Blue
10 October	Block Party & IMX/IMR Time Trials September 28-29 UNM	Group: Jr, White
11 Oct	CAQ Fall Decathlon October 11-12 ABQ Academy	Group: Yellow, Blue (Jr/White Saturday afternoon Session only)
1 Nov	MAKO Rio Grande Races November 1-2 Location TBD	Group: Jr, White, Yellow, Blue
6 Nov	Lakeside Aquatics Fall Classic November 6-9 Justin, TX (family travel)	Group: Blue
7 Nov	BEAST Veterans Day P/F Meet November 7-9 TBD	Group: Jr, White, Yellow, Blue
14 Nov	Block Party November 14 ABQ Academy	Group: Jr, White
21 Nov	18th Annual TYR CAQ High Desert Classic November 21-23 ABQ Academy	Group (qualifying swimmers): Yellow, Blue
5 Dec	Block Party December 5, ABQ Academy	Group: Jr, White
10 Dec	Speedo Winter Junior Nationals (family travel) December 10-13 Austin, TX	Group (qualifying swimmers): Blue



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13 Dec	CAQ Candy Cane Races December 13-14 ABQ Academy	Group: Jr, White, Yellow
19 Dec	2025 Leo Cancellare Memorial Invitational December 19-21 El Paso	Group: Yellow, Blue
3 Jan	CAQ January Santa Fe January 3-4 GCCC, Santa Fe	Group: Jr, White, Yellow, Blue
15 Jan	Dynamo Swim Club Eastern Classic January 15-17 Atlanta, GA (team travel)	Group: Blue
17 Jan	Phoenix Swim Club AZ Dual Meet Champs January 17-19 Phoenix, AZ (family travel)	Group: 14 & Under Meet (Application process to attend)
23 Jan	Block Party January 23 ABQ Academy	Group: Jr, White
14 Feb	RAAC Last Chance Qualifier February 14-15, TBD	Group: Jr, White, Yellow
28 Feb	NM Swimming Spring Finale Feb 28-Mar 1 GCCC, Santa Fe	Group: Jr, White, Yellow
5-8 March	NM Swimming State Championships Mar 5-8 Albuquerque (TBD)	Group (qualifying swimmers): White, Yellow, Blue
19 March	Southwest Age Group Regionals (SWAGR) Mar 19-22 TBD	Group (qualifying swimmers): White, Yellow, Blue
26-29 March	Speedo Sectionals Mar 5-8 Carmel, IN (team travel)	Group (qualifying swimmers): Blue