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**Mansfield Aquatic Club**

**Swim & Dive**

**MANSFIELD**

**MAC**

**AQUATIC CLUB**

# 2024-2025

## Information and Policies

### **WELCOME TO THE MANSFIELD AQUATIC CLUB**

I want to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Mansfield Aquatic Club. I look forward to meeting you and working with you. Our club offers year-round age-group competitive swim and dive teams, providing instruction, training, and competition to young people of all abilities.

Each new member will be placed in the practice group best suited for him or her, so that he or she may enjoy some degree of success in a relatively short time.

Membership is never closed, as we must be constantly growing and training young swimmers and divers to maintain a well-rounded competitive squad.

This packet will help familiarize you with our tuition information, practice schedules, and associated membership opportunities, also corresponding with information that can be found on our website. I hope this will help you better understand and enjoy the Mansfield Aquatic Club and the world of amateur swimming and diving.

Sincerely,  
Cody Huckabay  
Head Coach/Aquatic Director

## Registration, Fees and Discounts

All registrations are completed online. New swimmers/divers register for the group assigned at try-outs. Please do not register your swimmer until they have attended and have been approved for a practice group. Once approved, swimmers/divers should register via our website [www.mansfieldisd.org/aquatics](http://www.mansfieldisd.org/aquatics) and click on Mansfield Aquatic Club (MAC) and/or Mansfield Diving Club to view our website and begin registration.

### Fees

MAC Annual Membership Fee - \$75/athlete, with a \$125/family max for all groups competing in swim meets. This club registration fee helps to offset the cost of short course and long course season team t-shirts and swim caps that are given to athletes throughout the year.

2025 USA Swimming Membership Fee (expires December 31, 2025) - \$100.00 annually and paid online directly to USA Swimming. USA Swimming fees are non-refundable. Each September a registration link will be sent to all members so they can access MAC's registration portal on the USA Swimming web site.

Monthly tuition fees are automatically drafted from the account online on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month.

A \$25 late fee will be incurred if tuition is not paid by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Declined payments will incur a \$25.00 service charge.

Mansfield Aquatic Club members who withdraw and request reinstatement within a 6-month period will incur a \$100.00 reinstatement fee per child.

### Discounts

MISD fulltime employees receive a 15% discount off the total cost of tuition.

If you have 3 or more children enrolled in the MAC you will receive a 20% discount off the total cost of tuition.

## Tuition

### MAC Swim Team Tuition:

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(Annual Membership Fee - \$75.00)

| Swim Team | <u>Group</u>      | <u>Monthly</u> |
|-----------|-------------------|----------------|
|           | Pre-MAC           | \$80.00        |
|           | Piranhas / Sharks | \$107.00       |
|           | Junior Bronze     | \$117.00       |
|           | Junior Silver     | \$117.00       |
|           | Junior Gold       | \$135.00       |
|           | Junior Platinum   | \$135.00       |
|           | Junior Elite      | \$150.00       |
|           | Senior Bronze     | \$117.00       |
|           | Senior Silver     | \$165.00       |
|           | Senior Gold       | \$165.00       |
|           | Senior Elite      | \$190.00       |
| Dive Team | <u>Group</u>      | <u>Monthly</u> |
|           | Beginner 1        | \$90.00        |
|           | Beginner 2        | \$118.00       |
|           | Novice Team       | \$160.00       |
|           | Advanced Team - B | \$135.00       |
|           | Advanced Team - A | \$180.00       |

## 2024 – 2025 Short Course Practice Schedule

### **Senior Practice Groups (14O - High School)**

|        |                |                           |
|--------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Elite  | 5:30-7:30 am   | Monday, Wednesday, Friday |
|        | 3:30-5:30 pm   | Monday - Friday           |
|        | 6:00-8:00 am   | Saturday                  |
| Gold   | 3:30-5:30 pm   | Monday - Friday           |
|        | 6:00 - 8:00 am | Saturday                  |
| Silver | 3:30-5:00 pm   | Monday - Friday           |
|        | 8:00-9:30 am   | Saturday                  |
| Bronze | 7:15-8:45 pm   | Monday - Friday           |

### **Junior Practice Groups (14U Non-High School)**

|                 |                |                                   |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Elite           | 5:30-7:30 pm   | Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday |
|                 | 6:00-8:00 am   | Saturday                          |
| Platinum        | 6:30-8:00 pm   | Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday |
|                 | 8:00-9:30 pm   | Saturday                          |
| Gold            | 5:00-6:30 pm   | Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday |
|                 | 9:30-11:00     | Saturday                          |
| Silver          | 7:00-8:30 pm   | Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday |
|                 | 9:30-11:00 am  | Saturday                          |
| Bronze          | 5:30-7:00 pm   | Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday |
|                 | 8:00-9:30 am   | Saturday                          |
| Sharks          | 5:00-6:15 pm   | Monday, Wednesday, Friday         |
| Piranhas        | 6:15-7:30 pm   | Monday, Wednesday, Friday         |
| Sharks/Piranhas | 10:00-11:30 am | Saturday                          |
| Pre-MAC         | 6:15-7:15 pm   | Monday, Wednesday, Friday         |

## MAC Terms and Policies

### Attendance

As stated in the group descriptions, failure to maintain participation criteria will result in ineligibility of competitions and/or removal from the club.

### Audio/Visual Recording

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including cell phones, of swimmers is not permitted during practices. Parents may take pictures of their own swimmer(s) only. Photos of any other swimmer(s) other than their own may result in removal from team.

### Medical Inactive Status

MAC members will only qualify for an inactive status in the event that a club member cannot participate due to medical reasons. Documentation is required within **7 days** of the occurrence. The swimmer/diver may not return until they have been provided the appropriate medical documentation which indicates that they are cleared to swim/dive.

### Outstanding Balances

Accounts with an outstanding balance will not be allowed to register for swim meets and could result in being dropped from the team.

### Swim Meet Participation Representation

Swimmers may only represent the club in meets scheduled by the Mansfield Aquatic Club and those meets in which there is a registered MAC coach present.

### Swim Meet Entry Fees

Mansfield Aquatic Club parents pay all event fees and surcharges for swimmers who register for swim meets. All fees associated with swim meets will be automatically deducted from the credit card account on file. Authorization for collection of these fees is done at the time that the family commits their swimmer(s). Payment must be received prior to MAC submitting entries to host team. Accounts with unpaid balances will not be committed to attend meets until all unpaid fees associated with their online account have been paid.

### Withdrawal

If a swimmer/diver needs to withdraw for any reason, the parent or guardian must provide written notification **no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month** or your account will be charged for the following month on the next billing cycle (1<sup>st</sup> of the month). If written notification of intent to withdraw is not provided, the family remains responsible for tuition and fees. \*As stated under Fees, Mansfield Aquatic Club Members who withdraw and request reinstatement within a 6-month period will incur a \$100.00 reinstatement fee per child.

### Rejoining

Swimmers who wish to transfer back to MAC from another USA Swimming sanctioned swim team must schedule to meet with the Aquatic Director, Cody Huckabay prior to rejoining MAC.

## Spring, Summer Breaks, and Winter Breaks

The Natatorium will close during the school district's week of Spring Break, again for two weeks in August for pool maintenance, and during the Holiday break. The scheduling of these breaks is very important for our swimmers. It gives the high school kids a break following their scholastic competitive season, and gives the younger swimmers a break after summer competitions.

Our swimmers will take a one-week break in March, a two-week break in August, and a one-week break during the December Holiday. Since tuition is based on monthly membership, rather than number of weekly practices, tuition will not pro-rated during these breaks.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers can be a great asset to any organization and can help enrich all aspects of our program. Family participation is necessary to ensure the continued success of the team. Throughout a family's association with MAC, we would appreciate your support of the team through volunteer activities.

### Officiating:

Mansfield Aquatic Club and North Texas Swimming sponsor periodic clinics to certify officials in the U.S.A.S. program, and we encourage our parents to attend these clinics. Levels of certification include stroke and turn judge, starter, and referee. With the number of meets each year and the quality of competition at these meets, it is essential to have a large contingent of qualified officials. Officials who work MAC meets which are held at the MISD Natatorium will receive a 50% discount for their family's MAC monthly tuition the following month.

## Parent Volunteering Responsibility When MAC Hosts Swim Meets at MISD Natatorium

We make every effort to ensure that all meets are well-staffed, run on schedule, and that our visitors enjoy themselves. The Aquatic Director delegates responsibility to a Meet Director for each meet, which in turn depends on the help of many volunteers. The system is designed to ensure that every member of the team contributes. This assures that MAC can continue to host meets at our facility. Swimmers who compete at a MAC meet hosted at the MISD Natatorium are required to have someone volunteer in some capacity for at least one session during the meet. Swimmers who commit to attend meets hosted by MAC but do not have a family volunteer to assist at the meet will be removed from MAC hosted swim meets.

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### Swim Team Group Descriptions

*An important factor in determining what practice group a swimmer is placed in is “coach’s discretion.” There are times when a swimmer may be placed in either a lower or more advanced group than it appears they should be placed. The coaching staff reserves the right to make these kinds of decisions on a case by case basis.*

#### **Junior Practice Groups (14 & Under / Middle School & Below)**

- **Pre-MAC (6-14) Student/Teacher Ratio: 6:1**
  - Introduction to competitive swimming, working on advanced skills such as turns, reading pace clocks, endurance and racing dives.
  - Swimmers who can legally swim 25 yards of all 4 strokes, working on flip turns and endurance, and have been promoted to Pre-MAC or evaluated during tryouts.
- **Sharks / Piranhas (10 and under)**
  - **Sharks** – Who have achieved at least the “B” time standards.
  - **Piranhas** – First stage of development, getting ready for Sharks.
  - Commit to competing in a minimum of three (3) meets in each season.
  - Commit to maintaining a minimum practice attendance record of 75% each month.
- **Junior Bronze (ages 11-12)**
  - **Developmental** – Preparation for Junior Silver or Junior Platinum.
  - Achieved at least “BB” time standards.
  - Commit to competing in a minimum of three (3) meets in each season.
  - Commit to maintaining a minimum practice attendance record of 80% each month.
- **Junior Silver (ages 13-14)**
  - **Developmental** – Preparation for Junior Platinum or Senior Group.
  - Commit to competing in a minimum of three (3) meets each season.
  - Goal to committing to maintaining a minimum practice attendance record of 75% each month.
- **Junior Gold (ages 10-U)**
  - **Developmental** – Preparation for Junior Silver or Junior Platinum
  - Goal of achieving “BB” of times time standards.
  - Commit to competing in a minimum of three (3) meets each season.
  - Commit to maintaining a minimum practice attendance record of 75% each month.
- **Junior Platinum (ages 11-14)**
  - **Intermediate** – Preparation for Junior Elite
  - 11-14 year olds who have achieved “BB/A” and faster time standards.
  - Commit to competing in a minimum of three (3) meets each season.
  - Commit to maintaining a minimum practice attendance record of 80% each month.
  - Male athletes must wear a “brief” style Swimsuit for practices and meets.



- **Junior Elite (ages 11-14)**
  - Coach's Selection
  - Commit to competing in meets scheduled by the Age Group Coach.
  - Commit to maintaining a minimum practice attendance record of 80% each month.
  - No physical limitations.
  - Male athletes must wear a "brief" style Swimsuit for practices and meets.

### **Senior Practice Groups (14 & Over / High School & Post Grad)**

- **Senior Bronze (high school age)**
  - High school swimmers
  - Commit to competing in a minimum of three (3) meets each season.
  - Commit to maintaining a minimum practice attendance record of 80% each month.
- **Senior Silver (high school age)**
  - High School swimmers who have achieved "BB" time standards.
  - Commit to competing in (3) meets each season.
  - Commit to maintaining a minimum practice attendance record of 85% each month.
  - No physical limitations.
- **Senior Gold (high school age)**
  - Coach's Selection.
  - High School swimmers who have achieved "A" time standards.
  - Commit to competing in (3) meets each season.
  - Commit to maintaining a minimum practice attendance record of 90% each month.
  - No physical limitations.
- **Senior Elite (high school age)**
  - Coach's Selection.
  - Commit to competing in meets scheduled by the head coach.
  - Commit to maintaining a minimum practice attendance record of 95% each month.
  - No physical limitations.

## Parent's Code of Conduct

***I can only be one person at a time. I will maintain self-control and know my role.***

Swimmers → Swim

Coaches → Coach

Officials → Officiate

Parents → Parent

### **Parent Code of Conduct**

Mansfield Aquatic Club (MAC) is fortunate to have highly experienced and professional coaches working to develop our children into better competitive swimmers. These skills include time management, self-discipline, and sportsmanship. Your child will reap the benefits of swimming long after his/her participation with MAC. As parents, it is absolutely essential that we give our coaching staff the respect and authority they deserve to run our swim team.

### **Conduct Expected of All Parents**

- Set the right example for our children by showing respect and common courtesies at all times to the team members, coaches, competitors, officials, parents, and for all facilities and other property used during practice or competition.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship during all practices, competitions and team activities.
- Be an active participant in team activities and encourage and support your child by permitting them to be timely for practices and competitions.
- Recognize that MAC coaches are professionals and allow them to coach your child without interference during workouts and meets, including not being present on the pool deck during practice or competitions unless you are working at the meet.
- If you have concerns, they are to be addressed with the appropriate staff member/coach in private.

### **Basic Responsibilities**

- Practice teamwork with all parents, swimmers, and coaches by supporting the values of Discipline, Loyalty, Commitment, and Hard Work.
- Gossiping or spreading any kind of negative information about the program, coaches, athletes, etc. is unacceptable behavior. Through experience we have discovered that the vast majority of rumors are either distorted or simply untrue. If you come to find information that you feel needs to be addressed, bring it directly to the front office or coaching staff who can assist you.
- Only address your concerns to the correct person who is able to assist you. Administrative, meet related, financial, policy (dry) concerns should be directed to the office. Practice, performance, practice/meet concerns (wet) should be directed to the coach.
- Assist the coaches in conducting effective practices by ensuring swimmers arrive and leave on time, (practices and meets) and brings the proper equipment.
- Do not coach, instruct or video tape your child or any other team member at practice (from the stands or any other area) or interfere with the coaches on the pool deck. This is the coach's job. Your unconditional love and support will help them best.
- Do not interrupt or confront the coaching staff on the pool deck during practice or meets. Call, email or meet with your swimmer's coach before or after practice/meets to discuss issues.
- Trust and support your swimmer's and coach's decisions around goal-setting, training commitments, swim event entries, and meet schedules. Do not impose your ambitions on your child.
- Get involved and share the burden among parents by helping out. Be an official, volunteer at meets and other special events, etc.

***Not adhering to the rules in the Parent Code of Conduct may result in your child being removed from our swim program.***