

Good afternoon,

If you plan to return to Tide Swim Team for 2023-2024 **please read through to the end**, as there is quite a bit of important information you need to know before you register your swimmer.

If you do not plan to return to TIDE, my apologies for this email. I am sending this to everyone who swam on the team this year just to make sure I don't miss anyone. **If you DO NOT plan to return to the team in September for our 2023-24 season, please reply "not returning" and I will deactivate your account after our final billing date in this current season (August 1).** If you would care to share your reason (moved, lost interest, other sports, etc), that will help me with my retention analysis.

For those returning:

Registration opens at **7AM WEDNESDAY AUGUST 2**. Some of the sites have restructured practice groups so it is important to know which registration group to choose. You may also need to select (or update) the practice LOCATION.

Here is the registration information, organized by practice group. All you need to know in order to register is the group placement that was sent to you by your swimmer's coach. If you have questions about your swimmer's placement, please email your swimmer's lead coach from this season. He or she has the final say on placement. I am not involved in placement decisions and have no influence in that area.

NOVICE

Offered in sessions. No year round contract. No service hours requirement.

Virginia Beach - Hilltop YMCA

- **Novice** has FOUR different groups and they are based on age: 8 and under OR 9 to 11 years old. Be sure to consult the practice schedule [HERE](#) before you register so you know which group to select (A, B, C, or D). Practice content will be age appropriate so it is important to choose the group that corresponds to your swimmer's age. Novice is offered in sessions so you will start with **Novice - FALL**.

Chesapeake - Greenbrier YMCA

- **Novice** has THREE different groups (A, B, C). Be sure to consult the practice schedule [HERE](#) before you register so you know which groups practice early and which group practices later. Novice is offered in sessions so you will start with **Novice - FALL**.

DEVELOPMENTAL SILVER

Year round contract with option to resign with 60 days notice. **NEW for 2023-2024! Service hours requirement is 8 hours**

Virginia Beach - Hilltop YMCA

- **Developmental Silver** has FOUR different groups and they are based on age: 8 and under OR 9 to 11 years old. Be sure to consult the practice schedule [HERE](#) before you register so you know which group to select (A, B, C, or D). Practice content will be age appropriate so it is important to choose the group that corresponds to your swimmer's age.

Chesapeake - Greenbrier YMCA

- **Developmental Silver** has THREE different groups (A, B, C). Be sure to consult the practice schedule [HERE](#) before you register so you know which groups practice early and which group practices later.

DEVELOPMENTAL GOLD

Year round contract with option to resign with 60 days notice. Service hours requirement is 15 hours.

Virginia Beach - Mt Trashmore YMCA

- All **Developmental Gold** swimmers will train in ONE group at Mt Trashmore. To register, all you need to do is to select **Dev Gold Mt Trashmore** as your registration group and Mt Trashmore as your location. There will be NO Developmental Gold swimmers training at Hilltop.

Chesapeake - Greenbrier YMCA

- All **Developmental Gold** swimmers will train in ONE group at Greenbrier. To register, all you need to do is to select **Dev Gold Greenbrier** as your registration group and Greenbrier as your location.

AGE GROUP PREP ****new for 2023-2024****

Offered in sessions. No annual contract. No service hours requirement.

Virginia Beach - Princess Anne YMCA

- Simply choose **Age Group Prep** as your registration group and Princess Anne as your location. This group is offered in sessions, so you will start with **Age Group Prep - FALL**. *Due to pool capacity constraints in Chesapeake and Portsmouth, we can only offer this group at Princess Anne.*

AGE GROUP BRONZE

Year round contract with option to resign with 60 days notice. Service hours requirement is 25 hours.

Virginia Beach - Mt Trashmore YMCA

- All Age Group Bronze swimmers in Virginia Beach will now train at Mt Trashmore. There are two different registration groups: **Age Group Bronze (ES) - MT** and **Age Group Bronze (MS) - MT**. "ES" is for swimmers in elementary school; "MS" is for swimmers in middle school. Be sure to select the proper group as they train at two different times. See the practice schedule [HERE](#) for practice times.

Chesapeake - Great Bridge/Hickory YMCA

- Easy! Just select **Age Group Bronze** as your registration group and **Great Bridge/Hickory** as your location. No separate elementary and middle school groups like in Virginia Beach

Portsmouth - Portsmouth YMCA

- Easy! Just select **Age Group Bronze** as your registration group and **Portsmouth** as your location. No separate elementary and middle school groups like in Virginia Beach

AGE GROUP SILVER

Year round contract with NO resignation option. Service hours requirement is 25 hours.

Virginia Beach - Princess Anne YMCA

- Age Group Silver has been divided into two different groups: **Age Group Silver 12U - PA** (for 12&under swimmers) and **Age Group Silver 14U - PA** (for 14&under swimmers). Similar in composition to this past season, except the younger group has been moved from Mt Trashmore to Princess Anne.

Chesapeake - Great Bridge/Hickory YMCA

- One practice group. Simply select **Age Group Silver** with your location **Great Bridge/Hickory**

Portsmouth - Portsmouth YMCA

- One practice group. Simply select **Age Group Silver** with your location **Portsmouth**

AGE GROUP GOLD

Year round contract with NO resignation option. Service hours requirement is 25 hours.

Virginia Beach - Princess Anne YMCA

- Age Group Gold has been divided into two different groups: **Age Group Gold 12U - PA** (for 12&under swimmers) and **Age Group Gold 14U - PA** (for 14&under swimmers). Be sure to select the group in which your swimmer was placed.

Chesapeake - Great Bridge/Hickory YMCA

- One practice group. Simply select **Age Group Gold - GBH** with your location Great Bridge/Hickory

SENIOR BRONZE

Offered in sessions (no winter session). No annual contract. No service hours requirement.

Virginia Beach - Princess Anne YMCA

- One practice group. Offered in 3 sessions (Fall, Spring, Summer). You will register for **Senior Bronze - FALL** and select Princess Anne as your location

Chesapeake - Great Bridge/Hickory YMCA

- One practice group. Offered in 3 sessions (Fall, Spring, Summer). You will register for **Senior Bronze - FALL** and select Great Bridge/Hickory as your location

Portsmouth - Portsmouth YMCA

- One practice group. Offered in 3 sessions (Fall, Spring, Summer). You will register for **Senior Bronze - FALL** and select Portsmouth as your location

SENIOR SILVER

Year round contract with NO resignation option. Service hours requirement is 25 hours.

Virginia Beach - Princess Anne YMCA

- One practice group. You will register for **Senior Silver** and select Princess Anne as your location

Chesapeake - Great Bridge/Hickory YMCA

- One practice group. You will register for **Senior Silver** and select Great Bridge/Hickory as your location

Portsmouth - Portsmouth YMCA

- One practice group. You will register for **Senior Silver** and select Portsmouth as your location

SENIOR GOLD

Year round contract with NO resignation option. Service hours requirement is 25 hours.

Virginia Beach - Princess Anne YMCA

- One practice group. You will register for **Senior Gold** and select Princess Anne as your location

Chesapeake - Great Bridge/Hickory YMCA

- One practice group. You will register for **Senior Gold** and select Great Bridge/Hickory as your location

Portsmouth - Portsmouth YMCA

- One practice group. You will register for **Senior Gold** and select Portsmouth as your location

PRE-NATIONAL

Year round contract with NO resignation option. Service hours requirement is 25 hours.

Virginia Beach - Princess Anne YMCA

- One practice group. You will register for **Pre-National** and select Princess Anne as your location

Chesapeake - Great Bridge/Hickory YMCA

- One practice group. You will register for **Pre-National** and select Great Bridge/Hickory as your location

NATIONAL

Year round contract with NO resignation option. Service hours requirement is 25 hours.

Virginia Beach - Princess Anne YMCA

- One practice group. You will register for **National** and select Princess Anne as your location. National is not offered at any other locations.

TEAM UNIFY SOFTWARE UPDATE

Team Unify has updated their software. I will be updating our Team Unify website in August. In order for the update to run successfully, I will need to “turn off” all open registrations. I will choose a date for the upgrade that will least impact our ongoing registrations. During August we will be running swim team, masters, and fall swim school registrations. If you try to register after August 2 and get a message that registration is closed it is because the update is running. All you need to do is to try a day later. My account rep at Team Unify (aka Sports Engine) assures me that the new “look” and features are easy to navigate. I will be learning along with you! I believe your mobile app will also look different.

QUICK LINKS FOR 2023-2024

Practice Group Descriptions and equipment lists [HERE](#)

Practice Schedules [HERE](#)

Fees & Pricing [HERE](#)

TIDE Grant Program (Financial Aid for families who qualify for YMCA Open Doors) [HERE](#)

2023-2024 Meet Schedule [HERE](#)

Service Hours Information [HERE](#)

This is an important part of being on our team. Our parents set aside time to work at swim meets that we host AND they step up when asked to help time at meets hosted by other teams. There are no “at home” jobs. You will earn service hours by working at swim meets. Any member of your family (or a friend or relative) age 15 and older can work at swim meets. Meet Marshals must be at least 18 years old.