

WELCOME TO WLOO SWIMMING TEAM

Welcome to WLOO! We are glad to have you as part of our team. We believe we have created something special for our swimmers - a place where attendance plus effort equals success. For us to provide a positive experience for all our customers, it is important that swimmers and parents follow the rules and guidelines for our programs. This also helps to create the family atmosphere we desire.

If you have any questions, please let us know!

-Coach Mike and Gwyn Varozza

USA SWIMMING REGISTRATION

USA Swimming (USAS) provides the structure and support for all competitions as well as liability insurance. All members of the Waterloo Swimming Team must be current members of USAS.

ALL SWIMMERS on the Waterloo Team must complete the 2017-2018 Registration Form.

<https://www.teamunify.com/szstxlsc/UserFiles/File/2018%20Application%20-%20Y-R%20Athlete.pdf>

- NEW SWIMMERS to USA Swimming must attach a copy of passport or birth certificate.
- TRANSFERRING swimmers from another USAS team, you must complete the transfer form with the registration form:
<https://www.teamunify.com/szstxlsc/UserFiles/File/Transfer%20Form.pdf>

Please bring all completed forms to the front desk or your child's coach as soon as possible. If you are filling out a transfer form, we are in "ST" LSC (South Texas) and our club code is "WLOO"

TEAM UNIFY

Team Unify is the website you will use to register your swimmer(s) for meets..

You must enter your swimmer's name as it appears on their birth certificate or passport. This is similar information already provided when you registered for Waterloo, but we need it for USA Swimming as well. While you are required to enter a billing address, DO NOT enter credit card information. We do not use Team Unify for processing tuition or meet fees. <https://www.teamunify.com/MemRegStart.jsp?team=stws>

Please be sure to enter your child's appropriate practice time. Once your information is entered, the coaches will review and approve entries. You must be registered in Team Unify to be able to swim.

TEAM PRACTICES

You may only attend the practices (days of the week and/or times) for which you are enrolled. There is no exception to this to maintain coach / swimmer lane ratios. Please try to be on time and use the restroom before practice.

We understand traffic and obligations may make you late on occasion. Just get here when you can and join us for the remainder of practice.

TEAM POLICIES

Please take the time to review our team policies. These must be strictly enforced to meet our commitment of providing timely, quality service to all our customers.

<https://waterlooswimming.com/competitive-swimming/swim-team-policies/>



PARKING LOT

SAFETY & ETIQUETTE

DO NOT DROP OFF SWIMMERS AT THE FRONT DOOR...even if it's raining! The

same is true for picking up swimmers. This causes gridlock and frustration. Please pull up to the RIGHT / BACK side of the building to let them out. If there are cars behind you, please pull further up the RIGHT side of the building. Please drive slowly around the building as you may encounter swimmers doing their dryland workouts.

DRIVE SLOWLY through the parking lot. We have many young children who take swimming lessons in the afternoons. Look out for children not paying attention to where they're going!

REGISTRATION SWAG

Short Sleeve T-Shirt

Long Sleeve T-Shirt

Water Bottle

Swim Cap

Please stop by the front desk to get your team gear!

**WATERLOO
WEDNESDAYS!
Wear your Waterloo
T-shirt to school**

EQUIPMENT

You may purchase equipment from Waterloo or from any other source. **Please no branded equipment from other teams.**

Bronze 1: Swim Bag, Kickboard, Goggles, Fins, Snorkel

Bronze 2: Swim Bag, Kickboard, Goggles, Fins, Snorkel, Pull Buoy and Swim Paddles

Silver 1, Silver 2, Gold & Senior: Swim Bag, Kickboard, Goggles, Fins, Snorkel, Pull Buoy, Swim Paddles and dryland equipment (tennis shoes, workout attire, yoga mat or towel)

Waterloo also sells team suits, duffel bags, backpacks, parkas and other optional equipment. No branded equipment from other teams: <https://waterlooswimming.com/waterloo-merchandise/>

For monogramming bags and parkas, we use Flying Threads: www.flyingthreads.com

PLEASE LABEL ALL EQUIPMENT!!!

SWIM MEET INFORMATION

Swim meets are what make being on the team so much fun! We expect that our swimmers will participate in meets as often as they are able. We believe everyone will abide by the Swimmer & Parent Code of Conduct: <https://waterlooswimming.com/competitive-swimming/parent-code-conduct/>

You are responsible for all fees once declaring that your child will swim, even if they do not swim. Please contact the coach if your child is entered into relays but unable to swim. We expect all swimmers who have qualified for finals to swim in Finals...and stay to cheer for Waterloo relays!

Swimmer Meet Fees (Local Meets) = \$2 x # Events + \$10

Swimmer Feet Fees (Out of Town) = \$2 x # Events + \$20

PARENT VOLUNTEERING

As part of our culture, we expect all families to volunteer to help as needed during swim meets and other activities related to swim team. This may include helping with parking at home swim meets, timing, concessions, or other tasks.

SWIM MEET CALENDAR

Meets will vary based upon your child's practice group. Team Unify or the Waterloo Calendar will have the most up to date information

CONSIDER BECOMING A USA SWIMMING OFFICIAL!!!

For Waterloo to host swim meets, we need to be able to provide certified officials for the meets. Right now, we have a few parents who are USAS Officials, but we need more. By having our own officiating resources, we can host our own swim meets. This can be especially important as we near championship season and want to provide "last chance" meets for swimmers who are just short of making their time cuts.

If you are interested in becoming a USA Swimming Official. Marc Digby (USA Swimming Official and Waterloo Masters Swimmer) will be at Waterloo Swim Center on Wednesday, 8/30, from 5:30pm to 6:30pm, in the meeting room to answer questions and provide more information about becoming an official. Please email Coach Mike if you are interested!

WATERLOO CULTURE

We encourage good sportsmanship, perseverance, fun and respect at Waterloo. We want our swimmers to be proud of their team as well as their personal efforts.

LOST & FOUND

Too many items disappear because kids unknowingly pick up another's gear or because the kids leave things behind. Please LABEL ALL GEAR! We have Sharpies at the front desk in case something needs relabeling.

Waterloo trusts that their customers would never knowingly take things that don't belong to them. That being said, items do get misplaced and unfortunately taken. Waterloo is not responsible for lost or stolen items. We have a lost & found bin behind the front desk. Anything left over 30 days may be donated or tossed.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please utilize email. We are rarely able to answer phone calls during the day, but are quick to reply to email. For general inquiries, please contact us at info@waterlooswimming.com.

Coaches will do their best to reply within 24 hours.

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ATTENDANCE + EFFORT = SUCCESS

