

Abbington Gators

Welcome to a new season for the Abbington Gators, members of the University Swim League! We are looking forward to a brand new summer season of swim team here in Abbington. We realize that right now your time is filled with baseball, softball, and all other end of the school year activities. You can't imagine having the time to add one more thing to your already hectic schedule. We all feel the same way. But somehow, when school is over, everything does seem to settle down a bit and swim team is just the thing to keep your kids active this summer.

The main goal of the swim team is to not only encourage community pride but also to provide our children with a positive atmosphere of personal growth and to have fun with other kids in the neighborhood. We hope to inspire each swimmer to compete not only as a team member against other neighborhood teams and between each other, but especially to compete against their own individual times. You will be amazed at how your child will improve their times over the course of the season. Always remember to individually praise your child for his/her best effort.

We've tried to include as much information in this packet as possible. However, this is your swim team so feel free to contact us with any questions, comments or suggestions you may have. You may reach Julie Phillips at juliep@carolina.rr.com. Please try to communicate through email or you can direct questions to the coach using the binder that will be available at each practice. Remember, if the coach is talking to a parent, the children aren't being coached.

We do have a few things to ask of you...please remember that this is a neighborhood swim league, not the Olympics. Therefore, if something happens during practice or a meet that you are unhappy with, please notify Julie (your league rep) who will handle the situation with the coach or with the other team's league rep. We want our neighborhood represented in a positive way and this may not happen if our emotions are directing us. Also, we will be asked to support the home team's concession stand when we are guests at their facility as they will be expected to do when they are at Abbington. This is the only fundraiser for some of the teams so we are asked to support them. They will have healthy alternatives as well as the usual concession staples.

While every child makes the team, we will have evaluations during the week of May 9th to divide the children into practice groups. Your child will be expected to come to practice at least one of the days that week. Practice will begin daily on Monday, May 16. Before daily practices start, we will have a mandatory parent meeting to go over the basics of the team. Whether or not you are new to the team, a parent from each household must be there. We will notify you of the time and date of the parent meeting closer to the beginning of the season.

Our swim team board of directors will continue to help with any questions or concerns that arise during the swim season. The board will be responsible for any major decisions regarding the running of the team including hiring a coach, finances, problems, and any other issues that may arise.

We are so glad to have your family as a part of the Abbington Gators and look forward to a successful season!

PARENT REQUIREMENTS & DISCLAIMERS

- All parents will be expected to display positive, appropriate and respectful behavior at all times.
- Parent Meeting is mandatory. Time and date will be announced. At least one parent from each family must be present at this meeting.
- Parents will be notified by e-mail or information will be posted on the pool gate in the event of changes to the practice/meet schedule due to bad weather or unforeseen circumstances. Please do not call the coordinators unless absolutely necessary.
- **Each family will be required to volunteer for 3 times during home and away meets.**
- **It is your responsibility to find a replacement for your set volunteer job/time.** A list of all names and numbers for all swim team parents will be provided once registration is over. Please remember that a swim team requires a lot of work and we need all parents to volunteer to make the season a success.
- **It is your responsibility to document your swimmer's availability for practices and meets.** There will be a notebook to document this information at registration and it will be available at each practice as well. We understand that swim team is not your life and that your children are involved in other activities, but please be aware that our coaches will be making decisions about the line-ups prior to the meets. If your child doesn't show up for a meet he/she is expected at, it creates unnecessary work for the coaches and volunteers. Please be considerate by documenting expected out of town trips, camps and other commitments that will conflict with the practice/meet schedule.
- Parents will be expected to add another volunteer position for the championship meet when we get details on what our team is responsible for.

Homeowner's Association dues must be current in order to participate on the swim team.

Abbington Gators 2011 Meet Schedule

Thursday, 6/2	Time Trials/Mock Meet @	Abbington
Thursday, 6/9	Abbington @	Canterfield
Monday, 6/13	Brantley Oaks @	Abbington
Thursday, 6/16	Abbington @	Withrow Downs
Monday, 6/20	Bradford Park @	Abbington
Thursday, 6/23	Abbington @	Old Stone Crossing

All regular season meets begin at 6:30. The home team warms up at 5:30 and the away team warms up at 6:00. Coach Matt will let the kids know what time to be at the pool for each meet.

Championships

Sunday, 6/26 10 & Under Championships at Bradford Park

Monday, 6/27 11 & Up Championships at Abbington

Tuesday, 6/28 make up for championships, if necessary

Wednesday, 6/39 Team Party. (Details will be available later in the season, but save the date.)

2011 Abbington Gators Swim Team Registration

Please complete this form and bring it to registration at the clubhouse on Sunday, 4/3.

Registration Fee: 1st Swimmer: \$70, 2nd Swimmer: \$65, 3rd Swimmer: \$55, 4th Swimmer: \$0

Make check payable to: Chad Irons (please note this is different than before)

Last Name: _____ Parent(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Numbers: Mother: (H) _____ Father: (H) _____

(W or C) _____ (W or C) _____

Emergency Contact: Name _____ Number _____

Insurance Company _____ Policy Number _____

Phone Number _____

Child's Name _____ DOB _____ M/F _____ Age on 6/1 _____

Pease note any known medical information that would be helpful or necessary for treatment (i.e. allergies, asthma, etc.) _____

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Photo Release Form

I do hereby grant to Abbington Gators Swim Team the unlimited right to use and/or reproduce photographs of my child in any legal manner and for the internal or external promotional and informational activities of Abbington Gators Swim Team. I further understand that by signing this release, I waive any and all present or future compensation rights to the use of the above stated material(s).

Parent Signature _____