



Fact Sheet

2017-2018

Who are the Richmond Racers?

- A Year-round, US Swim Club. Competing in VA Swimming.
- Operating since 1992 and Supported by the City of Richmond – Parks and Rec.
- A Parent-run team. Managed by a volunteer Parent Advisory Group.
- A certified 501(c)(3) organization recognized as a member of the Enrichmond Foundation.
- Approximately 100 athletes of all ages and ability.

Where and When do we practice?

- Swansboro Elementary School – an indoor, 6-lane, 25 yd. pool
- Located at 32nd Street and Midlothian – near Forest Hill Park
- Practices M-F, typically 4:30 to 7:00. Two (2) sessions divided by age and ability
- Practice Groups: Green I/II, Blue I/II, Silver, Gold, and Age Group/Senior
- 2 days per week (Green); 2-3 days per week (Blue/Silver); 3+ days per week (Gold/Age Group/Sr.)

Where do we Compete?

- Minimum of one (1) US Swim sanctioned meet per month.
- Competing in both Short Course (Sept-Apr) and Long Course (Apr-Aug) seasons.
- Local meet locations. Typically at CSAC (Poseidon Pool) or NOVA Aquatics.
- Occasional travel. Williamsburg, Waynesboro, Tidewater, and Blacksburg. Other qualifying/champs meets for top swimmers.
- Richmond Community Aquatic League – Less competitive, summer-swim style, fun meets. One (1) meet monthly, targeting six (6) total. Competing against other regional small swim clubs: Swim RVA, Burkwood, Dolphin Club.
- Intramural/In-house meets among our own team.

What does it Cost?

- Total Cost is anticipated approx. \$500 per swimmer/per year (Sept. to August)
- Individual meet fees/event fees apply as determined by the meet.
 - Typically <\$5 for the meet and \$4 to \$7 each event
 - Estimated \$15 to \$40 for any given meet – depending on what you swim
- Uniform
 - No uniform required. Any Black/Black-Green trunks or Suit will do
 - Team uniform available for purchase if desired.

Is Fundraising and/or Volunteering Required?

- No minimum fundraising requirement. We will coordinate several events to help our team and parent/swimmer participation is encouraged.
 - Restaurant Nights (Chipotle, etc.)
 - Elwood Thompson Grocery Day
 - Other opportunities TBD
- No minimum volunteer hours required.
 - We are a small team, so meet volunteering is often not required.
 - Lane Timers are occasionally needed
 - We DO need help running our Richmond Community Aquatic League meets. Like your summer swim meets: Timers, Runners, Heat winners, Clerk of Course, etc.
 - Parent involvement in various Team Committees is encouraged.

What Other Things Can I Expect from the Racers?

- Team Socials: Kick-off Pep Rally, Christmas Party, Spring Awards Picnic
- Swim Camp/Skills Camp opportunities through US Swim
- Team-issued practice cap and competition cap
- Team T-shirt for each swimmer
- A Family-Fun atmosphere in all events
- Always a positive attitude and tons of encouragement
- Our coaches and parents will know you and your swimmer by name.