



BLUE SHARKS REQUIREMENTS

- A minimum skill level equal to that of an intermediate swimmer through recreational lessons is required for team membership.
- **The Blue Sharks require swimmers attend at least one practice each week, and at least three meets during the season.** The staff will encourage consistent participation to better develop skills and proficiency.
- Depending upon what age group the child is placed in, he/she will be exposed to a wide variety of water drills which make the swimmer repeat fundamentals of each stroke, turn, or start.
- A-D swimmers will be training for endurance more than instructional drill work thus swimming many more laps; the Mighty-Mini group swimmers will be doing fewer laps and beginner level focused drills and exercises.

PARENT SUPPORT

- Each parent is expected to sign up as a volunteer to help at swim meets and/or bring a concession donation for at least one home meet. The YMCA Blue Sharks Parent Board of Directors has a list of volunteer positions that are vital to the operation of the team.

To volunteer contact: **Mackenzie Dickinson**
mknzdickinson@gmail.com



THE WATERTOWN BLUE SHARKS

a member of the Central New York YMCA league, is a competitive swim team from Watertown, NY enlisting swimmers from around the North Country.

Practices run from early October through February. Many Blue Shark members compete in the annual New York State YMCA Swimming Championship meet in March. Past members have also competed in the YMCA National Meet held in Greensboro, NC!

PURPOSE AND GOALS

The purpose of this swim team is to enrich the emotional, mental, and physical development of our swimmers through the discipline of competitive swimming. With this purpose in mind, these five goals have been set for the team:

- Maintain a competitive swim team
- Promote good sportsmanship, fair play, and discipline
- Promote physical and mental well-being
- Promote team unity
- Promote a lifetime leisure activity

"You can't put a limit on anything. The more you dream, the farther you get."

—Michael Phelps



2023-2024 SEASON

PARENT INFO NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 6:30 PM

WATERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL
LARGE CAFETERIA

REGISTRATION BEGINS

AUGUST 11, 2023

WWW.WATERTOWNYMCA.ORG

SEASON START DATE

OCTOBER 2, 2023

FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®

FOR HEALTHY LIVING

FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

THE SWIM PROGRAM

SWIMMERS REGISTER BY AGE AS OF DECEMBER 1ST, 2023.

BLUE SHARKS AGE GROUPS:

Group A: 15 – 19 YEARS

Group B: 13 – 14 YEARS

Group C: 11 – 12 YEARS

Group D: 9 – 10 YEARS

Group E: 8 YEARS & UNDER

MIGHTY-MINI PROGRAM (E)

This is an introduction to competitive swimming for young people ages 8 years and under. Proper technique of the four competitive strokes is stressed.

The child must be able to swim a form of the front crawl for the length of the pool (25 yards) without stopping and without the use of aids. The child should be comfortable in the deep end of the pool.

PRACTICE

Groups A-D: Practice is held Monday – Friday from 6:30–8:00 pm. Practice is not held on days that the school is not in session. However, some optional practices are held during Christmas and February school vacations.

Group E: Practices are held 3 days per week.
Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 6:00–7:00 pm.

For program questions contact:
Lori Peters, Blue Sharks Head Coach
lpeters@nnyymca.org

PROGRAM INFORMATION

TEAM SWIMSUITS

Team swimsuits are generally ordered at the beginning of the season. While cost is not included in registration fees, every attempt is made to keep the price reasonable.

Team suits are worn at swim meets (Home, Away, Invitational, District and State meets). They should not be worn for practice. Any one-piece swimsuit can be worn for practice. Sizing for the suits will be done at the Parent Info Night and prices will be determined before ordering.

MEET PARTICIPATION

With the understanding that Blue Sharks is a full-time competitive swim team, participants should plan to attend all swim meets, both home and away. It is in the best interest of our team for all swimmers to attend all meets to have a successful year. **All swimmers compete within their age group.**

There will be 6 Dual League Meets during the season as well as multiple invitationals. Details will be provided to families once they are confirmed.



A YMCA MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED TO JOIN THE BLUE SHARKS.

The Blue Sharks Swim Team is a Watertown Family YMCA sports program. The YMCA provides, through the membership, required insurance coverage for swimmers and staff members for participation in the CNY YMCA Swim League.

YMCA MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

YOUTH Monthly Fee:

18–24 Years*: \$23.00

13–17 Years: \$11.50

Up to 12 Years: \$8.50

*Plus \$20.00 Joiner Fee

FAMILY Monthly Fee: \$59.90*

2 Adults & dependent children under the age of 21 in same household

*Plus \$75.00 Joiner Fee

SINGLE PARENT Monthly Fee: \$46.00*

1 Adult & dependent children under the age of 21 in same household

*Plus \$50.00 Joiner Fee

BLUE SHARKS SWIM SEASON FEE

First Child: \$375.00 (5 x \$75.00)

Additional Siblings: \$340.00 (5 x \$68.00)

Modified/Varsity: \$340.00 (5 x \$68.00)

The first payment is due at time of registration.

TEAMUNIFY REGISTRATION FEE

Annual \$15.00 Registration Fee per Family

TWO WEEK TRIAL OFFER

The Blue Sharks offer a two-week trial membership. At the end of the two weeks, a final determination of whether a swimmer is at a safe level to continue with program will be decided by a coach. If you choose not to continue with the program after the two-week trial, **you MUST notify the YMCA to stop further payment.**