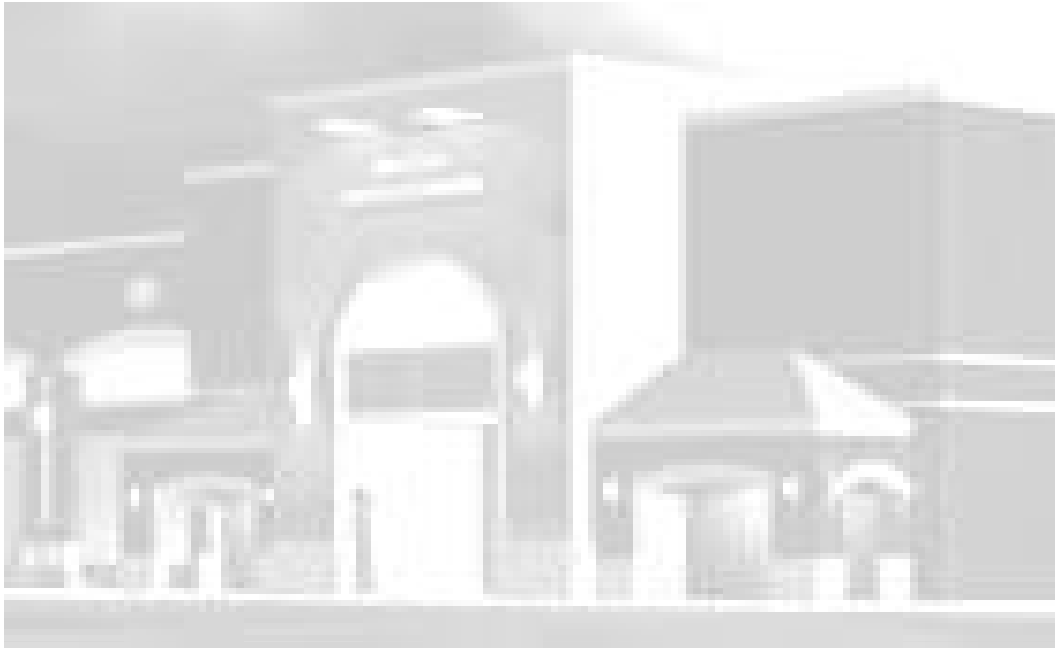


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# **Mansfield Aquatic Club**



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**2010 Online Information Packet**

## **WELCOME TO THE MANSFIELD AQUATIC CLUB**

I want to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Mansfield Aquatic Club. I look forward to meeting you and working with you. Our club offers year round age-group competitive swimming teams, providing instruction, training, and competition to young people of all ages and abilities.

Each new swimmer will be placed in the practice group best suited for him or her, so that he or she may enjoy some degree of success in a relatively short time. Membership is never closed, as we must be constantly growing and training young swimmers to maintain a well-rounded competitive squad.

This packet will help familiarize you with our tuition information, practice schedules and associated membership opportunities. I hope this will help you better understand and enjoy the Mansfield Aquatic Club and the world of amateur swimming.

Sincerely,  
Cody Huckabay  
Head Coach/Aquatic Director

## Tuition and fees (effective March 22, 2010)

**USA Swimming 2010 Annual Registration:** \$56.00 (expires December 31, 2010). All club swimmers (including pre-competitive), must be registered with USA Swimming. Swimmers new to USA Swimming must **bring a birth certificate to their first MAC practice.**

### MAC Tuition:

Practice Group	Monthly	Quarterly
Pre-Competitive	\$85.00	\$240.00
Novice	\$70.00	\$195.00
Bronze	\$80.00	\$225.00
Silver	\$90.00	\$255.00
Gold	\$100.00	\$285.00
Junior	\$110.00	\$315.00
Senior	\$125.00	\$350.00
Senior II/High School	\$75.00	\$200.00

MISD fulltime employees receive a 15% discount.

Monthly dues are capped at \$25.00 per child, [after](#) the second child in each family.

Effective April 1, 2010 member families must have an online account, and all registrations and tuition transactions must be done electronically.

[There are no fundraising commitments with the Mansfield Aquatic Club.](#)

### Swim Meet Entries:

Meet entry fees are due upon receipt of meet entry forms. Please return completed entry forms to your coach. There will also be an "entry fee" box located on the pool deck. Meet entry fees must be paid by check or exact cash amount.

## Temporary Inactive Status:

Mansfield Aquatic Club policy requires the continuing payment of fees even when a swimmer is on vacation or is temporarily missing practice for fewer than 2 months. Families may request temporary inactive status for **60 to 90 days** and pay a \$25 monthly processing fee in lieu of tuition. Written requests for inactive status must be submitted to the business office at least **30 days** in advance. Swimmers who remain inactive for more than 90 days will be withdrawn.

No refunds will be given on dues to swimmers who go inactive unless:

- Swimmer moves from current address to a residence more than 20 miles from the Natatorium.
- Swimmer or immediate family member becomes ill or injured to the extent that the swimmer will be unable to swim for at least four consecutive weeks. Documentation is required.

Failure to keep dues current can lead to being dropped from the team. Participation in a swimming competition constitutes participation for that month. A swimmer may be dropped from the program at the end of a billing cycle in cases of excessive absences or extended leave without written notification. If written request for inactive status is not provided, the family remains responsible for tuition and fees assessed during the inactive period.

## Withdrawal:

If a swimmer needs to withdraw from MAC for medical reasons, the parent or guardian must express this in writing within **7 days** of the medical occurrence (medical documentation may be required). If a swimmer needs to withdraw for any other reason, the parent or guardian must provide written notification **30 days** prior. If written notification of intent to withdraw is not provided, the family remains responsible for monthly fees. **USA Swimmers who withdraw and request reinstatement within the same season will incur a \$150 reinstatement fee.** Swimming seasons: Long Course (April – August) and Short Course (September – March)

## Spring and Summer Breaks

The Natatorium will close during the school district's week of Spring Break, and again in August for pool maintenance. The scheduling of these breaks is very important for our swimmers. It gives the high school kids a break following their scholastic competitive season, and gives the younger swimmers a break after summer competitions.

Our swimmers will take a one week break in March (with the exception of the Junior/Senior groups who will have two weeks), and a two week break in August. Since tuition is based on monthly membership, rather than number of weekly practices, tuition will not prorated during these breaks.

## **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Volunteers can be a great asset to any organization and can help enrich all aspects of our program. Family participation is necessary to ensure the continued success of the team. Throughout a family's association with MAC, they will be expected to support the team through volunteer activities. Here are the Mansfield Athletic Parent's Club standing committees:

### **Communications Committee:**

Maintain communication with Mansfield Aquatic Club parents via newsletter, e-mails, postal mail, phone, and in person. Bulletin/Display board (gathering and posting of current team information) and Newsletter distribution.

### **Welcoming Committee and Registration:**

Welcome new families, and link them with mentor families. Help with Mansfield Aquatic Club team registrations and orientations.

### **Special/Social Events Committee:**

Plan annual whole team events; plan practice group activities; organize treats for swimmers for meets, birthdays, promotions and coaches hospitality.

### **Meet Management Committee:**

Assist Meet Director in administration of swim meets; assist Volunteer Committee with organizing meet volunteers.

### **Volunteer Committee:**

Maintain volunteer forms and databases; help establish mentor families; maintain volunteer roster of actual duties assigned; maintain volunteers for swim meet needs.

### **Publicity Committee:**

Copy, distribute, and hang flyers; make newspaper contacts for Mansfield Aquatic Club events and achievements.

Parents interested in serving on a standing committee should contact the Aquatics Director or chairman of that committee.

## **Other Parent Opportunities**

All families are asked to work Swim Meets hosted by our team! Following is a list of available positions:

### **Officiating:**

Mansfield Aquatic Club and North Texas Swimming sponsor periodic clinics to certify officials in the U.S.A.S. program, and we encourage our parents to attend these clinics. Levels of certification include timer, place judge, stroke and turn judge, starter, and referee. With the number of meets each year and the quality of competition at these meets, it is essential to have a large contingent of qualified officials.

### **Hosting Swim Meets**

We make every effort to ensure that all meets are well-staffed, run on schedule, and that our visitors enjoy themselves. The Head Coach/Aquatic Director delegates responsibility to a meet director for each meet, which in turn depends on the help of many volunteers. The system is designed to ensure that every member of the team contributes.

### **Parent Booster Club Meetings**

Each fall, a regular membership meeting is held to discuss club business. Quarterly education meetings are also held and announced on the team blog and natatorium website.

### **Swim Meet Participation**

Swimmers may only represent the club in meets scheduled by the Mansfield Aquatic Club and those meets in which there is a registered MAC coach present.

## 2010 Spring Practice Schedules (Effective March 22nd)

### Pre-Competitive

<b>Group 1</b>	4:30 - 5:15 PM	Monday, Thursday
<b>Group 2</b>	5:30 - 6:15 PM	Monday, Thursday
<b>Group 3</b>	4:30 - 5:15 PM	Wednesday, Friday
<b>Group 4</b>	5:30 - 6:15 PM	Wednesday, Friday

**Novice**                      6:30 - 7:30 PM      Monday, Wednesday, Friday

**Bronze I (C swimmers)**    4:45 – 5:45 PM    Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
**Bronze II (B swimmers)**   6:00 – 7:00 PM    Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

**Silver 1**                      5:00 - 6:30 PM    Monday - Friday  
**Silver 2**                      5:00 - 6:30 PM    Monday - Friday

**Gold**                          5:15 – 7:00 PM    Monday – Friday  
                                     8:15 – 10:00 AM   Saturday

**Junior**                        3:00 – 5:00 PM    Monday – Friday  
                                     8:00 – 10:00 AM   Saturday

**Senior**                        6:00 – 7:30 AM    Monday – Friday  
                                     3:00 – 5:00 PM    Monday – Friday  
                                     8:00 – 10:00 AM   Saturday

**Senior II / High School**    3:30 – 5:00 PM    Monday – Friday

## **Mansfield Aquatic Club Promotion Criteria**

Below are the promotion criteria from each of the workout groups.

### **Pre-competitive to Novice: Ages 12 and under**

- Legally swim 25 yards of all four strokes.
- Legal turns for all four strokes.
- Able to do starts from the blocks & backstroke starts from the water.

### **Novice to Bronze: Ages 12 and under**

- Legally swim 50 yards of all four strokes with a legal turn.
- Legal starts from the blocks & backstroke starts from the water.
- Achieved "B" times in the 50 distance of two different strokes.

### **Bronze to Silver II: Ages 12 and under**

- Legally swim 100 yards of all four strokes with legal starts & turns.
- 12 & under swimmers must have achieved the "B" standard in the 50 distance of three different strokes.
- Be able to complete a set of 10 x 100 freestyle on 1:45.00

### **Silver II to Silver I: Ages 14 & under**

- 10 & under swimmers must have achieved the TAGS standard in two events.
- 11 & 12 swimmers must have achieved the "BB" standard in three events.
- 13 & 14 swimmers must have achieved the "B" standard in three events.
- Able to complete a set of 12 x 100 freestyle on 1:35.00.
- Must have an 80% workout attendance record and a 50% meet attendance record for the current season.

### **Silver I to Gold: Ages 14 & under**

- Must have reached their eleventh birthday.
- 11 & 12 swimmers must have achieved the "A" standard in three events.
- 13 & 14 swimmers must have achieved the "BB" standard in three events.
- Able to complete a set of 16 x 100 freestyle @ 1:30
- Must have an 80% workout attendance record and a 50% meet attendance record for the current season.

### **Gold to Junior: Ages 14 & under**

- Must have reached their 12th birthday.
- 12 year olds must have achieved the TAGS standard in four events.
- 13 & 14 swimmers must have achieved the TAGS standard in two events.
- Must be able to complete a set of 20 x 100 @ 1:25
- Must have an 80% workout attendance record and a 50% meet attendance record for the current season.
- Must be enrolled in an early dismissal off campus PE program.

This page is provided as a guideline. Ultimate decisions regarding promotions will be made by the Mansfield Aquatic Club's coaching staff.