



The Buckeye Swim Team had a successful 2024-2025 year. The Team was recognized in the USA Swimming National Club Excellence Program as a 2024 Bronze Medal Club, which recognizes the top 250 programs in the country.

The Buckeye Swim Team offers Central Ohio swimmers a great opportunity to excel in competitive swimming. The Buckeye Swim Team has full access to the Powell Aquatic Center and Columbus North Sports Aquatics. This allows Buckeye to offer 14 different practice groups at consistent and convenient times throughout the entire year.

Buckeye is proud to continue a Premier Senior Program for Central Ohio's High School age swimmers. Buckeye has installed and maintained 4 rooms of Dryland equipment at Columbus North for an excellent strength and conditioning program included in our Premier Senior Programs. Buckeye has a professional strength and conditioning coach on site to run an excellent Dryland Program.

Reasons to choose Buckeye Swim Team:

- A Team First Culture

- Proven Results

- The most experienced and tenured coaching staff in Central Ohio

- Complete access to 2 training facilities

- Professional Strength and Conditioning

- A Head Coach that trained Olympic medalists during an Olympic year

- 29 Year History providing a sustained business with great resources for swimmers

We welcome existing members, new members, or old members to join us this coming swim year to do GREAT things! Please review this very informative packet and get back to us with any questions. New swimmer evaluations are required to make sure your child is placed in the correct practice group.

Go Bucks!

Chris Hadden
Head Coach

Laurie Karr
Managing Director



Registration Requirements

The Buckeye Swim Team is pleased to announce our 2025 – 26 Short Course and Long Course Registrations will open July 21 for current team members and July 31 for new swimmers. The competitive swim team is a year-round training program that emphasizes competitive success at the local, state, regional, and national levels. Buckeye provides programs for all ages, skill and commitment levels. Below are the instructions required to register. If there are any questions, please address an e-mail to:

Head Coach Chris Hadden cahadden@gmail.com

Managing Director Laurie Karr laurie@bkyswim.com

Required Registration Materials:

Registration is done through the Team's Website www.buckeyeswimclub.com. This package is intended as an informational package for all interested participants. We will always honor our commitment to our swimmers to be a Quality not Quantity Focused Swim Program.

New swimmers will be provided slots on a first come, first serve basis. Space is available for new swimmers in most practice groups, but we do anticipate filling our groups – **please don't wait to register.**

All **new** swimmers will need to complete a medical form online when prompted during registration.

Practice Group Assignments

- Returning Swimmers – The coaching staff will email practice group assignments for the new season. Contact Chris Hadden if you have questions about practice group selection.
- **New Swimmer Evaluations** – Every new swimmer must be evaluated for proper placement in a practice group. All new swimmers considering Buckeye need to attend ONE of the following evaluations:
 - July 28, 29 and 30 at 6 pm (11 and overs), 6:20 pm (9 – 10), 6:45 pm (8 and unders) at Powell Aquatics Center
Signups will be available at www.buckeyeswimclub.com/registration
- Please contact Head Coach Chris Hadden at cahadden@gmail.com to set up an evaluation if you are unable to attend the evaluations listed above.
- Swimmers may move between practice groups during the season at the coaches' discretion. Upcharges or swim fee reductions will be debited / credited in the monthly billing cycle following the practice group change.
- *Please note that the ages listed for the practice groups below are strictly parameters. Final practice group assignments are at the Head Coach's discretion. Every practice group will be filled to capacity.*
- ***Please be aware that there are training requirements to be invited to the Senior Select, Senior Group, Age Group Select and all Scarlet practice groups. Space is limited and the level of training ability must be met. There are minimum performance requirements and intervals per 100 free/IM required to attain an invitation.***



Practice Groups, Schedules and Additional Information

To choose the correct group, start with your child's age on January 1, 2026 then read the brief descriptions for each age-appropriate group. Click the link to jump to more information for that group.

8 and younger:

[Age Group 4 Scarlet \(AG4\)](#) can swim a 25 of all 4 strokes legally. Can dive off the side with control. May need minor prompts or reminders for their strokes.

[Silver 2 \(SL2\)](#): can swim 25 free and back, has basic knowledge of fly and breaststroke

[Silver 3 \(SL3\)](#): can swim a 25 free and back, has basic knowledge of fly or breast kick

[Silver 4 \(SL4\)](#): can swim a 25 free with paused breath and 25 back, motivated to compete.

9 to 10 years old

[Age Group 3 Scarlet \(AG3\)](#) can swim a 50 of all 4 strokes legally. Can dive off the block with control. Shows motivation to compete.

[Silver 2 \(SL2\)](#): can swim 25 free and back, has basic knowledge of fly and breaststroke

[Silver 3 \(SL3\)](#): can swim a 25 free and back, has basic knowledge of fly or breast kick

[Silver 4 \(SL4\)](#): can swim a 25 free with paused breath and 25 back, motivated to compete.

11 to 12 years old

[Age Group Select \(AGS\)](#) by invitation only, ages 12-14

[Age Group 2 Scarlet \(AG2\)](#) can swim a 200 IM legally. Can read a set and understands the pace clock.

[Silver 1 \(SL1\)](#) has not competed, is new to competitive swimming or is not interested in competition. May have stroke technique issues that need addressed.

13 to 14 years old

Entering High School - Senior, see below

[Age Group Select \(AGS\)](#) by invitation only, ages 12-14

[Age Group 1 Scarlet \(AG1\)](#) can complete a competitive 200 IM. Can read a set and understands the pace clock.

[Silver 1 \(SL1\)](#) has not competed, is new to competitive swimming or is not interested in competition. May have stroke technique issues that need addressed.

15 and older

[Senior \(SR\)](#)- High School Swimmers 14 years old or over. Emphasis on advanced competitive stroke technique, rigorous physical conditioning, competitive racing strategies, and dryland conditioning. The goal for this group is to compete and place at the Ohio Senior Championships and qualify for USA Sectionals

[Senior Select \(SRS\)](#)- Advanced and Select High School Swimmers 15 years old or over. Emphasis on advanced competitive stroke technique, rigorous physical conditioning, competitive racing strategies, and dryland conditioning. The goal for this group is to qualify for national level meets.

[Age Group 1 Scarlet \(AG1\)](#) can complete a competitive 200 IM, age 15-16 that is not quite ready for the Senior group.

[Silver 1 \(SL1\)](#) has not competed, is new to competitive swimming or is not interested in competition. May have stroke technique issues that need addressed.

Communication

Billing: All billing related questions, please reach out to our Team Admin, Cara Murray at teamadmin@swimbuckeye.com

Slack: All group Lead Coaches and staff are accessible on our team communication sharing app, Slack. [Click here to join Slack.](#)



Senior Select: Advanced and Select High School Swimmers 15 years old or over. Emphasis on advanced competitive stroke technique, rigorous physical conditioning, competitive racing strategies, and dryland conditioning. The goal for this group is to qualify for national level meets. There are time standards, minimum training intervals and a coach invitation to be able to register for this group. This group is coached by the Head Coach Chris Hadden and an assistant coach.

Practice Schedule all at Cols North
Monday & Wednesday 3:30-6:30 pm*
Tuesday & Thursday 5:45-7 am & 3:30-5:30 pm
Saturday 7-10:30 am*
Sunday 8-10 am
*includes one hour with our strength and conditioning coach

Group Fees

Registration Fee \$248
Short Course Season \$1896
Long Course Season \$1264

Senior Group: High School Swimmers 14 years old or over. Emphasis on advanced competitive stroke technique, rigorous physical conditioning, competitive racing strategies, and dryland conditioning. The goal for this group is to compete and place at the Ohio Senior Championships and qualify for USA Sectionals. There are minimum training intervals to be able to register for this group. This group is coached by Head Coach Chris Hadden and an assistant coach.

Practice Schedule all at Cols North
Monday & Wednesday 4:30-7:15 pm*
Tuesday 5:30-7:15 pm
Thursday 5:30-7 pm
Friday 3:30-5:15 pm
Saturday 7-10:30 am*
*includes one hour with our strength and conditioning coach

Group Fees

Registration Fee \$248
Short Course Season \$1680
Long Course Season \$1120

Buckeye Alumni: College swimmers returning home to Buckeye to train for winter break and the spring and summer. These swimmers compete with Buckeye at Championship meets. This group trains with the Senior Select group.

Fees include:

- Swim group training fees for coach pay, pool rent, team offerings, etc.
- Team silicone cap and team T-shirts (shirts are distributed to swimmers registered by September 30 of each year).
- On-site dryland training

Fees DO NOT include:

- Annual United States Swimming membership fees and Ohio Swimming membership fees
- Swim meet entry fees and associated travel expenses
- Training equipment

Payment Methods and Schedule:

- Payments are made online with a debit / credit card through the website at time of registration or by check (see guidelines for paying by check in "Additional Comments and Considerations").
- Cancellation of team membership: We require 30 days' notice to remove you from billing. Your registration fee will not be reimbursed.
- Payment Schedule: Our monthly installments are billed to your account on file on the 15th of each month beginning September 15. The last payment for your short course season is Feb 15. The first installment for long course swimming is March 15, with the last installment collected on June 15.

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Age Group Select: This is Buckeye's top 25, 12 – 14-year-old swimmers combined in one training group. This group is by invitation only. This is our best swimmer's final step in age group swimming. The goal for this group is to compete and place at the Ohio Junior Championships, Central Zone Championships, and to qualify for USA Sectionals. The Lead Coaches are Laurie Karr and Kaylyn Froebel.

Practice Schedule

Monday & Wednesday 6:30 -8:30 pm* at Cols North

Thursday 6:45-8:30 pm at Powell

Friday 5:15-7 pm at Cols North

Saturday 8:45-11:15 am* at Cols North

*includes 45 minutes with our strength and conditioning coach

Group Fees

Registration Fee \$248

Short Course Season \$1608

Long Course Season \$1072

Age Group 1 Scarlet: Experienced and advanced 13 years old or over swimmers. Emphasis on advanced competitive stroke technique and rigorous physical conditioning. The goals for this group are to qualify for and place at Ohio Junior Championships & Central Zone meets and prepare for training in the Senior Groups. The Lead Coach is Caitlyn Laycock joined by an assistant coach.

Practice Schedule - all at Columbus North*

Tuesday 6:45 -8:45 pm**

Thursday 6:30-8:30 pm**

Friday 6:30-8 pm

Saturday 11:15 am-12:45 pm

Sunday PM location/time TBA

*Swimmers may opt to replace 1- 2 weekday practices

Tuesday/Wednesday 3:30-5 pm at Powell

** includes coach led dryland at start of practice

Group Fees

Registration Fee \$248

Short Course Season \$1524

Long Course Season \$1016

Fees include:

- Swim group training fees for coach pay, pool rent, team offerings, etc.
- Team silicone cap and team T-shirts (shirts are distributed to swimmers registered by September 30 of each year).
- On-site dryland training

Fees DO NOT include:

- Annual United States Swimming membership fees and Ohio Swimming membership fees – your family account will be charged after the season begins at the time the team registers every swimmer
- Swim meet entry fees and associated travel expenses
- Training equipment

Payment Methods and Schedule:

- Payments are made on-line with a debit / credit card through the website at time of registration or by check (see guidelines for paying by check in "Additional Comments and Considerations").
- Cancellation of team membership: We require 30 days' notice to remove you from billing. Your registration fee will not be reimbursed.
- Payment Schedule: Our monthly installments are billed to your account on file on the 15th of each month beginning September 15. The last payment for your short course season is Feb 15. The first installment for long course swimming is March 15, with the last installment collected on June 15.

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Age Group 2 Scarlet: Experienced and advanced 11 – 12 year olds. Training emphasizes stroke technique and aerobic conditioning. The goals for this group are to qualify for and place at Ohio Junior Championships & Central Zone Championships. Lead Coaches are Thomas Clark, Katie Donovan, Karli Katterle and Nathan Ulm. This is a large group that will be divided into two schedule options.

Practice Schedule – A Group – all at Powell

Monday, Thursday & Friday 4:15-5:45 pm
Saturday 7:30-9 am
Sunday 8-9:30 am

Practice Schedule – B Group – all at Powell

Monday 7-8:30 pm
Wednesday 7:15-8:45 pm
Friday 4:15-5:45 pm
Saturday 7:30-9 am
Sunday 8-9:30 am

Group Fees

Registration Fee \$168
Short Course Season \$1284
Long Course Season \$856

Fees include:

- Swim group training fees for coach pay, pool rent, team offerings, etc.
- Team silicone cap and team T-shirts (shirts are distributed to swimmers registered by September 30 of each year).

Fees DO NOT include:

- Annual United States Swimming membership fees and Ohio Swimming membership fees
- Swim meet entry fees and associated travel expenses
- Training equipment

Payment Methods and Schedule:

- Payments are made on-line with a debit / credit card through the website at time of registration or by check (see guidelines for paying by check in "Additional Comments and Considerations").
- Cancellation of team membership: We require 30 days' notice to remove you from billing. Your registration fee will not be reimbursed.
- Payment Schedule: Our monthly installments are billed to your account on file on the 15th of each month beginning September 15. The last payment for your short course season is Feb 15. The first installment for long course swimming is March 15, with the last installment collected on June 15.

Age Group 3 Scarlet: Experienced 9 – 10 year olds. Focus on learning the proper mechanics of all 4 competitive strokes, starts and turns. The goals for this group are to excel in competitions, place at Regional's, and qualify for Ohio Junior Championships. The Lead Coach is Heath Patterson joined by assistant coaches. This is a large group that will be divided into two schedule options.

Practice Schedule – A Group, all at Powell

Tuesday and Wednesday 5-6:15 pm
Friday 5:45-7 pm
Sunday 5:30-7 pm

Practice Schedule – B Group, all at Powell

Wednesday 6-7:15
Monday and Friday 5:45-7 pm
Sunday 5:30-7 pm

Group Fees

Registration Fee \$168
Short Course Season \$1092
Long Course Season \$728

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Age Group 4 Scarlet: Experienced 8 and under aged swimmers. Focus is on learning proper mechanics of all 4 competitive strokes, starts and turns while building confidence at swim meets. The goals for this group are to gain experience in USA Swimming competitions, learn how to compete in all four competitive strokes, and be able to progress through the program. Lead Coaches are Matt Celik and Lauryn White.

Practice Schedule – all at Powell

Tuesday 6:15-7:15 pm

Thursday 5:45-6:45 pm

Saturday & Sunday 9:30-10:30 am

Group Fees

Registration Fee \$128

Short Course Season \$960

Long Course Season \$480

Fees include:

- Swim group training fees for coach pay, pool rent, team offerings, etc.
- Team silicone cap and team T-shirts (shirts are distributed to swimmers registered by September 30 of each year).
- Approximately 4 practices weekly fall and winter, 3 practices weekly spring and summer.

Fees DO NOT include:

- Annual United States Swimming membership fees and Ohio Swimming membership fees
- Swim meet entry fees and associated travel expenses
- Training equipment

Payment Methods and Schedule:

- Payments are made on-line with a debit / credit card through the website at time of registration or by check (see guidelines for paying by check in “Additional Comments and Considerations”).
- Cancellation of team membership: We require 30 days’ notice to remove you from billing. Your registration fee will not be reimbursed.
- Payment Schedule: Our monthly installments are billed to your account on file on the 15th of each month beginning September 15. The last payment for your short course season is Feb 15. The first installment for long course swimming is March 15, with the last installment collected on **May 15**.



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Silver Program

The Buckeye Silver Program is designed to introduce swimmers to the concept of competitive swimming and also provides an outlet for swimmers that are either not able to compete due to other commitments or are hesitant to compete in larger events. Emphasis is on learning competitive stroke technique and aerobic conditioning to become a more efficient swimmer. Coaches will work on growing a love for the sport of swimming and help swimmers work on competitive skills should they desire to race. **The program is run in 7-8 week sessions throughout the year and** each session will include a minimum of 21 practices to choose from.

Session Schedule:

Fall 1 September 8-October 26 (7 wks)
Fall 2 October 27 – December 21 (8 wks)

Winter January 5-March 1 (8 wks)

Spring April 6-May 24 (7 wks)
Summer May 26 – July 12 (7 wks)

Silver 1: swimmers age 11-14 that are still learning how to compete in each of the four competitive strokes. Swimmers in this group are likely new to competitive swimming or have commitments in other sports. Fees: Annual \$50 registration fee, \$275 per session (Minimum of 20 practices offered per session)

Practice Schedule, Fall and Winter sessions:

Tuesdays 7:30-8:30 pm

Fridays 7-8 pm

Sundays 3:30-4:30 pm

Silver 2: age 10 and younger. This group reinforces the fundamentals of all four competitive strokes and builds on swimming techniques, starts, turns and increased conditioning. Minimum ability to swim one length of the pool unassisted in all four disciplines. Fees: Annual \$30 registration fee, Session fees of \$150 one day a week, \$270 twice a week.

Practice Schedule, Fall and Winter sessions:

Tuesdays 7:15-8:15 pm

Saturdays 10:30-11:30 am

Sundays 4:30-5:30 pm

Fees include:

- Swim group training fee for coach pay, pool rent, team offerings, etc.
- Team silicone cap and team T-shirts (shirts are given to swimmers registered by Sep 30 of each year).

Silver 3: age 9 and younger. Practices at this level focus on stroke refinement, begin to build some endurance and introducing flip-turns. Minimum ability to swim one length of the pool unassisted in all four disciplines. Practices are 45 minutes in duration. Fees: Annual \$30 registration fee, Session fee \$130 for one practice per week, \$234 for twice a week.

Practice Schedule, Fall and Winter sessions:

Weekday, TBD, after 5 pm

Saturdays 11:30-12:15 pm

Sundays 3:45 - 4:30 pm

Silver 4: Age 7 and younger. This is an instructional level that focuses on the fundamentals of all four competitive strokes. Minimum ability to swim one length of the pool unassisted in freestyle and backstroke and demonstrate knowledge of breaststroke and butterfly. Practices are 30 minutes in duration. Fees: Annual \$30 registration fee, Session fee \$100 for one practice per week, \$180 for twice a week.

Practice Schedule, Fall and Winter sessions:

Weekday, TBD, after 5 pm

Thursday 3:45-4:15

Sundays 3:15 - 3:45 pm

Fees DO NOT include:

- Annual United States Swimming membership fees and Ohio Swimming membership fees
- Swim meet entry fees and associated travel expenses
- Training equipment

Uniform Requirements

As a member of a competitive swim team each swimmer is held to a uniform standard at practices and competitions. Swimmers are expected to arrive at practice with a competition quality suit that fits snugly and conforms to USA Swimming regulation 102.8.1 (Boys-the swimsuit shall not extend above the navel nor below the knees; girls- shall not cover the neck, extend past the shoulder, nor extend below the knee). Swimmers with hair that falls below the shoulders are required to wear a swim cap. Suits can be purchased at SwimVille USA on Bethel Rd or at www.swimoutlet.com/bkys Please contact the Head Coach and Managing Director for uniform exemptions for Religious or Medical reasons.

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2025-26 Short Course Season Meet Schedule

Date	Meet Name	Location	Invited Training Groups
October 4	DCST Dan Ave Memorial	Dublin Community Center	AG3 and AG4
October 19	Cincinnati Marlins, Northern Kentucky Clippers Tri Meet	Keating Natatorium Cincinnati, OH	SS, SR, AGS, AG1, AG2, AG3, AG4
October 25	Buckeye Saturday at the Races	Powell Aquatics Center	Entire Team
November 7 – 9	UA Golden Bear	Upper Arlington High School	SS, SR, AGS, AG1, AG2, AG3
November 16	GCSTO November Splash	Columbus Academy HS, Gahanna	AG4, Silver 1, 2, 3 & 4
November 21 – 23	Ohio Swimming Senior Invitational	Bowling Green State University	All 15 and older Required
December 5 – 7	NCAT Winter Invitational	Cleveland State Cleveland, OH	All 9 and over swimmers with National BB qualifying times
December 12 – 14	GCSTO Holiday Cheer	Columbus Academy HS, Gahanna	Everyone not competing at NCAT Winter Invitational
December 10 – 13	USA Swimming Winter Junior Nationals	IUPUI Natatorium Indianapolis, IN	All with qualifying times
December 13 – 14	Ohio Swimming Virtual Distance Challenge	Columbus Academy HS, Gahanna	All distance swimmers are encouraged to attend
December 20	Buckeye Saturday at the Races	Powell Aquatics Center	Entire Team
January 12	GCSTO Winter Open	Columbus Academy HS, Gahanna	AG4, Silver 1, 2, 3 & 4
January 16 – 18	FAST Mudsock Classic	Fishers HS, Indianapolis, IN	SS, SR, AGS, AG1, AG2, AG3
January 23 – 25	UASC Classic Invitational	Upper Arlington HS	All 9 and over swimmers with National BB qualifying times
January 30 – February 1	GCSTO Last Ditch	Columbus Academy HS, Gahanna	All not attending UASC Classic
February 7 – 8	Barbara Kay Mini-Champs	Thomas Worthington HS	All 8 and under
February 14	Buckeye Saturday at the Races	Powell Aquatic Center	Entire Team
February 27 – March 1 (Friday is swum AM)	Ohio Swimming Regional Championships	Ohio University Athens, OH * we are trying to acquire a local assignment	All 9 – 14 year old swimmers not already qualified for Junior Champs
March TBD	Ohio Senior Championships	TBD	All 15 and older
March TBD	Buckeye Spring Celebration Intrasquad Meet	Powell Aquatics Center	All 14-under swimmers not attending Junior Champs
March TBD	Ohio Junior Championships	TBD	All 14 and under with qualifying times
March 26 – 29	USA Swimming Speedo Sectional Championships	IUPUI Natatorium, Indianapolis, IN	All with qualifying times

Swim Meet Entry Fees and Expenses:

- Swim meet entry fees vary by meet and are set by the meet host team.
- Swim meet entry fees include but are not limited to the event fees, facility fees and Ohio Swimming surcharge.
- ALL swim families MUST have a credit card on file to pay for swim meet entry fees.
- Due to the cost of collecting fees via electronic payment, there will be a small admin fee at each meet equal to \$1.25 per meet day offered.
- Meet Fees will be invoiced after the meet has concluded and collected on the 15th of each month.



Notes and Additional Considerations

- Short Course practices begin September 8 and finish March 1 for most practice groups. Senior Select and Senior Group will practice until the last championship meet in March.
- Senior Select will have optional practices August 18 – September 8. A practice schedule will be sent to Senior Select families.
- **Please note that the published practice schedules are at full capacity of membership for every group. If any groups are smaller or larger in size, there will be practice schedule adjustments to maintain a full pool and quality practices.**
- The Long Course practice schedule will be announced in February. The season will begin April 6 and will end in July. National/Central Zone meet qualifiers will have practices until their National Meet.
- Any High School swimmers who are “required” to ONLY train with their HS team will be removed from the monthly billing December, January and prorated for February upon their return to Buckeye. This is determined and approved by the Head Coach.
- An updated calendar of practice times and locations will be kept on the team’s website under the Schedule tab.
- **There are no swim practices during team meets for the assigned practice groups. Specific practice groups not assigned to a meet may have swim practice.**
- Practices will not be held for all groups on the following holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s Day, Easter, Memorial Day and July 4. Practices held on other holidays may be canceled or changed at the Head Coach’s discretion.
- **Please note that there is a revised practice schedule during Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks from school.** These changes will be communicated via email and posted on the website closer to the respective holidays.
- Swimmers can only attend practices for their assigned practice group. A swimmer must get permission from the Head Coach and their Lead Coach to try to make up a practice.
- **No Parents on Deck Policy** – parents are not permitted to sit or stand on the pool deck during practices at any of our facilities. This is a United States Swimming requirement, and it is important for each swimmer to be focused on their coach’s instructions with no distractions to the coaching staff for safety reasons.
- **Practice schedule is subject to change. There could be some groups combined on certain days pending practice group numbers following team registrations.**

Additional Fee Notes:

- Unresolved payment issues from previous seasons need to be reconciled prior to registration.
- All existing families need to re-register on Commit for the new year. **There will not be continuous billing.** This will help reset rosters and maintain an accurate database of swimmers.
- Registrations will only be accepted while there is room in the program.
- By enrolling in the Buckeye Swim Team, families understand that they are financially obligated to pay the total balance of all fees as outlined for the season (regardless of attendance at practice). There are no options to discontinue financial obligation. Refunds will not be issued. If a swim family feels they have a special circumstance, they will need to send a written request to the Head Coach, Managing Director and Team Admin for consideration.
- Practice lane assignments will be made at practice, allowing like ages, abilities, and skill levels to participate together.
- Practice schedules may change based on unforeseen or unexpected issues. If changes do occur all athlete families will be notified, and changes will be posted to Slack.
- Swimmers who are unsure about joining the team are encouraged to tryout or arrange to attend a practice, meet the coaches, and talk to swim parents and swimmers. We welcome all swimmers and would love to meet all interested swimmers. Please contact by e-mail -- Head Coach Chris Hadden at cahadden@gmail.com.
- Checks will be accepted. You can pay by check but need to wait until each month’s invoice drops. We are also doing roll up invoicing, so meet fees will be included in the monthly installment. Checks are due by the 20th of each month. If check payments are not received by the 20th of the month the credit card on file will be charged and a \$10 late fee will be assessed.
- Via our team management site, Commit Swimming, each family will have access to their own private account that will enable families to easily declare for swim meets, see your children's swim times history, maintain contact information (email and text), and more.
- Family Discount: Siblings receive a discount as follows: 2 swimmers, 4%; 3 swimmers, 6%, 4 or more swimmers 8%.



Meet Schedule Notes:

- *The meet schedule is subject to change. Buckeye could get closed out of a meet due to over subscription.*
- All 14 and under swimmers that have not achieved Ohio Junior Championship qualifying times are required to swim the Ohio Regionals meet.
- All swimmers who qualify for the Ohio Junior Championships are required to compete in individual events and to represent the team on relays. Relay teams will be set at the end of the Ohio Regionals.
- All senior (15 and over) swimmers are required to attend the Ohio Senior Championships and the Ohio Senior Fall Invitational.
- All swimmers that qualify for any United States Swimming National level competitions representing Buckeye are required to attend.
- USA Swimming Central Zone Championships – qualifiers are encouraged to attend but it is not a requirement. This is an All Star meet, and swimmers are representing Ohio Swimming **not** Buckeye.
- Parents are responsible for selecting the meets the swimmer will participate in. Coaches will select the swimmer's events for each meet. Meet participation acknowledgement is done on-line through the team's Commit website and should be completed **early in the season.**
- **Meet Volunteers:** It is becoming more common for meet hosts to require visiting teams to supply timers at meets. There will be a "Signup Genius" link to sign up and help whenever Buckeye is asked to provide timers. Please plan to help throughout the season.
- Buckeye's Head Coach attends all national meets for qualified swimmers.

Communication

- **Website** –<https://buckeyeswimming.com/>
- **Billing:** All billing related questions, please reach out to our Team Admin, Cara Murray at teamadmin@swimbuckeye.com
- **Performance Questions:** Please speak to your child's group lead coach
- **Slack:** All group Lead Coaches and staff are accessible on our team communication sharing app, Slack. [Click here to join Slack.](#)
- **Email** – We send general information, practice updates, meet information, announcements, news and more through our team email system. Please add all important email addresses to your team account. Every address will get copied on team emails.

Team Equipment and Uniform

Swimville USA provides all of our team equipment and apparel. Additionally, our team is sponsored by Speedo. Simply walk into Swimville and let them know you are with Buckeye, and you will be well taken care of. All swimmers are required to train in proper competition gear (swimsuit, cap for hair past shoulders, goggles and training equipment as listed below). At competitions swimmers are required to wear a team suit and cap, plus it is expected that swimmers wear team apparel when not in the pool.

Swimville is located in: Olentangy Plaza at [837 Bethel Rd, Columbus, OH 43214](#) - **Phone:** [\(614\) 591-7946](tel:6145917946)

Training Equipment

Senior Select, Senior & Age Group Select: Kickboard, fins, paddles, pull buoy, snorkel, and mesh bag

Age Group 1: Kickboard, fins, paddles, pull buoy, and mesh bag

Age Group 2: Kickboard, fins, pull buoy, and mesh bag

Age Group 3 and 4: Kickboard, fins and mesh bag

All Silver groups: Kickboard, fins, and mesh bag

Join the Buckeye Swim Booster Club!

The Buckeye Swim Booster Club is a parent-run volunteer organization dedicated to supporting our amazing swim team. We host one major fundraiser each year to help raise money for essential team needs—like equipment, team t-shirts, pasta dinners, and fun activities that keep our swimmers motivated and connected. Your involvement helps make the swim season a success, both in and out of the pool. Come be a part of the team behind the team!



2026 Long Course Season – TENTATIVE

Date	Meet Name	Location	Recommended Participation
May 2	Buckeye vs Worthington Dual Meet (Short Course yards)	Worthington, OH	All competitive swimmers encouraged to participate
May 30-31	Buckeye Swimming Spring Challenge	McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion Ohio State	Team hosted meet, all swimmers participate, all parents volunteer
June 5 – 7	GCSTO Creekside Invitational	Gahanna Swimming Pool	
June 12	USA Swimming Central Zones Open Water Championships	Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin	All qualifiers only
June 13	Buckeye Saturday at the Races 1	Powell Aquatic Center	Open to all swimmers
June 19 – 21	Jill Griesse Memorial Invitational	Denison University Granville, OH	All competitive swimmers are expected to participate
June 27	Buckeye Saturday at the Races 2	Powell Aquatic Center	Open to all swimmers
June 24 Wednesday	Ohio Open Water Championships	TBD	All competitive swimmers BB time or better 200 free 10&U BB time or better 500 free 11&O
July 10 – 12	Ohio LC Regional Championships	Kenyon University Mt Gambier, OH	All 14 & under (w/out OH JO qualifying times only) All competitive swimmers are required to compete
July 15 – 18	USA Swimming Speedo Sectional Championships	McCorkle Aquatics Pavilion The Ohio State University	All qualifiers are required to compete
July 16 – 19	Ohio Junior Championships	Miami University Oxford, OH	All qualifiers are required to compete, including relay only swimmers
July 23 – 26	Ohio LC Senior Championships	TBD	All 15 & over swimmers are required to compete
July 22 – 25	USA Swimming Futures Championships	Multi-Site, TBD	All qualifiers only
TBD	USA Swimming Speedo Junior National Championships	Irvine, California	All qualifiers only
TBD	TYR Summer National Championships	Irvine, California	All qualifiers only
TBD	USA Swimming Central Zone Championships	TBD	All 14 & under qualifiers only All qualifiers are encouraged to attend