



2023/2024 Season Information

The Lakes Mermaids is a Recreational and Competitive Artistic Swim Team that operates under the banner of USA Artistic Swimming. Artistic swimming is geared to swimmers that have an interest in combining swim, ballet, and gymnastics into one sport. We offer several options which include competitive team and non-competitive recreational lessons.

Our Competitive Team and Recreational Classes are billed monthly. You may pay by credit card via invoice sent to email. (5% Transaction Fee for credit card is applied for non-monthly invoices, ie: meet fees)

USA Artistic Swimming Membership:

- **All Competitive Team Athletes are required to register with USA Artistic Swimming for Membership for the 23-24 season through Sports Engine. This must be completed by August 31, 2023.**
- Your membership is valid for 1 year.
- **Age Group Athletes** (12U, Youth, Jr and Sr) are required to register for the **Competitive Athlete Membership** for the 23-24 season.
 - Membership is \$104 with USA Artistic Swimming.
- **Novice and Intermediate Athletes** are required to register for the **Athlete Membership** for the 23-24 season.
 - Membership is \$54 with USA Artistic Swimming.
- **Parents** are strongly encouraged to register for the **Athlete Safety Membership** to be trained with **Safe Sport** guidelines. Membership is \$44 and valid for 1 year. after your 1st year of membership, you can just do a refresher course.
- TLM's Direct Link for USAAS Membership: **Coming Soon! We email the direct Link once it is available**

TEAM TRANSFERS: NEW swimmers to the The Lakes Mermaids who have competed with another team are REQUIRED to complete the USA Artistic Swimming Transfer Form.

- Go to the Transfer Form link: [Transfer Form](#)

FINA AGE:

A Swimmer's Age in a competition season is measured by World Aquatics on *the age of the swimmer at the end of a calendar year*. You swim the age you turn in that calendar year starting Jan. 1 and ending Dec. 31. For example, if you turn 13 in Dec 2024, you are considered a 13 year old starting Jan. 1 2024 (even though you are 12) and swim in the 13-15 Age Group that season.

TEAM FEES:

ONE-TIME TLM ANNUAL FEES PER SWIMMER - Non Refundable

\$60 Registration Fee

**Will be billed upon Registration*

\$60 Equipment Maintenance Fee

\$30 Ohio Association Fee (Competitive Only)

\$150 Team Routine Suit Rental - per team routine

COMPETITIVE TEAM:

Competitive Team is a Full Season Commitment!

- Please review the **Financial Agreement** in the **Team Handbook**
- **Competitive Intermediate & Novice Season:** August - Regional Meet in May
- **Competitive Age Group 12U, Youth and Jr/Sr Season:** August - End of National JO's in June/Early July
- Monthly Tuition obligation begins upon Team Registration
- Monthly Tuition is Billed 10 times from Artistic Swim of Ohio, September 2023 through June 2024

Competitive 8 & Under Novice Team

Monthly Tuition \$290/month

Competitive 10 & Under Intermediate Team

Monthly Tuition \$320/month

Competitive 12 & Under Age Group Team

Monthly Tuition \$380/month

Competitive Youth (13-15) Age Group Team

Monthly Tuition \$425/month (water & land practice)

Competitive Junior (16-17) Age Group Team **Monthly Tuition** \$400/month

(water & land practice)

Competitive Senior (18-19) Age Group Team

Monthly Tuition \$400/month (water & land practice)

RECREATIONAL LESSONS:

1 day a week - September - April

Monthly Tuition \$140/month

FAMILY DISCOUNTS:

Families with multiple Competitive Swimmers: 2 competitive swimmer families will receive a \$50 discount per swim year; 3 competitive swimmer families will receive a \$100 discount per swim year.

SMALL ROUTINES:

A swimmer must compete in a team routine in order to participate in a small routine unless otherwise decided by Head Coach Annemarie. Swimmers need to demonstrate strong skills, a strong work ethic and have good attendance in team routines for consideration for a small routine. Head Coach Annemarie will decide which swimmers EARN a small routine at the beginning of the season. Practices will be determined by Head Coach Annemarie.

SOLO

Monthly Tuition \$200/month

DUET

Monthly Tuition \$150/month, per swimmer

PRIVATE LESSONS:

Private	\$60/hour + \$10 pool rental fee
	\$40/30 minutes + \$5 pool rental fee
Semi-Private	\$40/hour + \$5 pool rental fee

- ALL Private Lessons must be approved by Head Coach Annemarie
- Private Lessons will be billed from Artistic Swim of Ohio
- Private lesson sign ups will be on a Sign-Up Genius
 - 8:00am - 10:00am at The Lakes Pool on Sunday mornings

ADDITIONAL FEES:

Additional Fees NOT included in monthly tuition:

- Traveling costs for competitions - hotel, flights, food, etc.
- Coaches Travel Fees for Travel Meets - divided up by each swimmer & billed
- Team Apparel
- Team Training Gear
- Meet Entry Fees
- Routine Suits

PRACTICES:

Practice begins the week of August 14, 2023

- Days, times & location coming soon! Will be weekday after school

23-24 Schedule can be viewed at the link here: [23-24 Schedule](#)

POOL LOCATIONS:

The Lakes Country Club (Lakes)
6740 Worthington Rd.
Westerville, Ohio 43082

OSU, McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion (OSU)
1847 Neil Ave.
Columbus OH 43210

Columbus School For Girls (CSG)
65 S Drexel Ave
Columbus, OH 43209

Wedgewood Country Club (WW) - June
9600 Wedgewood Blvd.
Powell OH 43065

Oakstone Academy (OA)
939 South State Street
Westerville, OH 43081

2023 - 2024 Tentative Event & Meet Schedule

Event	Dates	Location	Link	Group
Rising Star Camp	Sept. 2-3, 2023	Ohio State	https://www.usaartisticswim.org/events/2023/august/01/2023-rising-star-camps	Intermediate, 12U, 13-15, Jr.
Fall Water Show	Oct. 2024, TBA	CSG		ALL
13-15 Age Group National Team Trials	Jan. 2024	TBD		13-15
Snowflake Invitational	Jan. 2024	CSG, Bexley, OH		Intermediate, 12U, 13-15, Jr.
Midwest Invitational	Feb. 2024	Dayton, OH		Intermediate, 12U
Cincy Jr. & Youth Championship	Feb. 2024	Cincinnati, OH		13-15 and Jr
Rising Star Meet	March 2024	Cincinnati, OH		Intermediate, 12U
North Zone Championship	March 2024	TB in D		13-15 and Jr.
Jr. & Sr. Nationals and National Team Trials	April 10 - 14, 2024	TBD	https://www.usaartisticswim.org/events/2024/april/10/us-junior-and-senior-championship	Jr/SrTeam
12U & 13-15 Nationals and National Team Trials	April 25 - 28, 2024	Houston, TX	https://www.usaartisticswim.org/events/2024/april/24/us-13-15-championship-12u-invitational-and-age-group-trials	12U, 13'15
Ohio Junior Olympics	April 2024	TBD		
Regional Junior Olympics	May 2024	TBD		
National Junior Olympics	June 29 - July 6, 2024	Portland, OR	https://www.usaartisticswim.org/events/2024/june/29/us-junior-olympic-championship	12U, 13'15, Jr.

- More details on meets will be released after the USA Artistic Swimming Convention in September and Ohio Association Meetings in October.***