



## **2024–2025 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 Rec anCompetitive Team Athletes are required to register with USA Artistic Swimming for Membership for the 24-25 season through Sports Engine.**
  - We email the direct Link once it is available
  - 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 24-25 season.
  - Membership is \$107.37 with USA Artistic Swimming.
- **Novice and Intermediate Athletes** are required to register for the **Athlete Membership** for the 24-25 season.
  - Membership is \$55.89 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.

**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 to email after Registration*

**\$60 Equipment Maintenance Fee**

**\$30 Ohio Association Fee (ALL TLM MEMBERS)**

**\$150 Team Routine Suit & Headpiece Rental if reusing suits from last season - per team routine (Competitive Only)**

## **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
- Team competition suits belong to the team. Swimmers pay for the suit if it is a new suit and a rental fee if it is reused from the previous season.
- Monthly Tuition obligation begins upon Team Registration
- Monthly Tuition is Billed 10 times from Artistic Swim of Ohio, September 2024 through June 2025

### **Competitive 8 & Under Novice Team**

**Monthly Tuition**     \$250/month

### **Competitive 10 & Under Intermediate Team**

**Monthly Tuition**     \$320/month

### **Competitive 12 & Under Age Group Team - New**

**Monthly Tuition**     \$380/month

### **Competitive 12 & Under Age Group Team - Advanced**

**Monthly Tuition**     \$400/month

### **Competitive Youth (13-15) Age Group Team**

**Monthly Tuition**     \$450/month (water & land practice)

### **Competitive Junior (15-17) Age Group Team**

**Monthly Tuition**     \$450/month (water & land practice)

### **Competitive Senior (18-19) Age Group Team**

**Monthly Tuition**     \$450/month (water & land practice)

## **RECREATIONAL LESSONS:**

**2 days a week - September - April**

**Monthly Tuition**     \$250/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 small routine is a Solo or a Duet. 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.

Each small routine will purchase their own competition suit and headpiece. You may keep your suit and headpiece. Suit designs must be approved by Head Coach Annemarie.

## **SMALL ROUTINE: SOLO & DUET**

**Monthly Tuition**     \$180/month per routine,

- Max. Amount for multiple small routines is \$360/month

## **PRIVATE LESSONS:**

Please reach out to Coach Annemarie. We plan to offer group lessons at the Lakes starting in January.

## **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 Sept. 3, 2024

## **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

## 2024 - 2025 Tentative Event & Meet Schedule

Event	Dates	Location	Link	Group
Snowflake Invitational	Jan. 2025	TBD		Novice, Intermediate, 12U, 13-15, Jr, Sr
Midwest Invitational	Feb. 2025	TBD		Novice, Intermediate, 12U
Youth, Jr & Sr Championship	Feb. 2025	TBD		Youth, Jr, Sr
Rising Star Meet	March 2025	TBD		Novice, Intermediate, 12U
North Zone Championship	March 2025	Wisconsin		Youth, Jr, Sr
Jr. & Sr. Nationals and National Team Trials	April 10 - 14, 2025	Greensboro, NC Greensboro Aquatic Center	<a href="https://www.usaartisticswim.org/2025-national-junior-championship-awd-invitational">https://www.usaartisticswim.org/2025-national-junior-championship-awd-invitational</a>	Jr, Sr
12U & Youth Nationals and National Team Trials	April 25 - 28, 2025	Geneva, OH Spire Institute	<a href="https://www.usaartisticswim.org/2025-youth-championship-12u-invitational">https://www.usaartisticswim.org/2025-youth-championship-12u-invitational</a>	12U, Youth
Regionals	May 2025	Michigan		Intermediate, 12U, Youth, Jr, Sr
National Junior Olympics	12U/Youth June 28 - July 1, 2025  Jr/Sr July 1-July 5, 2025	Arlington, TX Arlington ISD Athletics Center & Natatorium	<a href="https://www.usaartisticswim.org/2025-youth-championship-12u-invitational">https://www.usaartisticswim.org/2025-youth-championship-12u-invitational</a>	12U, Youth, Jr, Sr

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