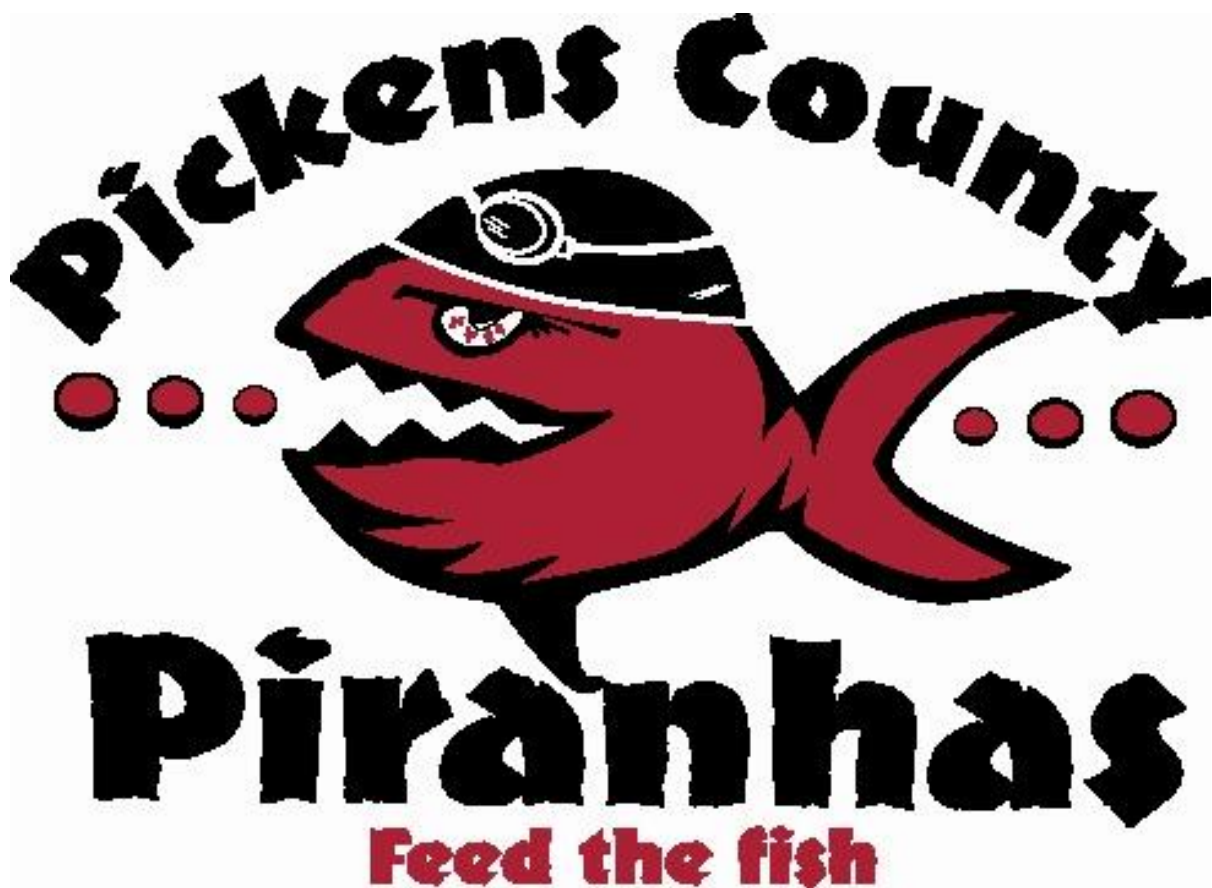


Parent Handbook UPDATES



Pickens County YMCA
Winter 2010-2011

Team Rules and Regulations

Swimmer's Practice Conduct:

1. – 4. (same)
5. YMCA staff or volunteers are at no point responsible for the supervision of participants outside of the pool. The YMCA age policy is always in effect. It states, "Children ages 14 and under may not be left unsupervised in the facility or in the pool areas. A supervised child is defined by active supervision by a parent/guardian age 18 & up. Children ages 15 and up must have their membership card with them in order to access the facilities...." A coach will be on pool deck during swim team practice time.
6. It is highly recommended that each parent or guardian escort your child to the pool deck at the beginning of practice and escort your child from the pool deck at the end of practice. It is recommended that all swimmers are supervised by a parent or guardian while on deck.
 - A parent/guardian may be asked to stay the duration of practice if a behavioral issue arises.

Swim Meet Schedule

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|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| October 16 th | Away | Anderson |
| October 23 rd | Home | Pickens |
| November 13 th | Away | Greenwood |
| December 4 th | Home | Pickens |
| January 8 th | Away/ Distance Championship | Rock Hill |
| February 5 th | Home | Pickens |
| February 19 th / 20 th | Away/State | Rock Hill |

Practices & Costs

Swimmers have the option to come to attend one practice a week or up to five practices. Practice times are based on team assigned by coach.

Practice:

Super Squad 1: Mon & Wed: 4:30-5:30 \$45 Member/ \$55 Non-Member

Super Squad 2: Tues & Thurs: 4:30-5:30

Intermediate: Monday- Friday: 4:00-5:30 *1-3 practice days a week: \$55 Member/ \$75 Non-Member*

Advanced*: Monday- Friday: 5:30-7:00 *4-5 practice days a week: \$70 Member/ \$90 Non-Member*

** Changes may be made to advanced practice depending on number of swimmers*

Ages: 4-21

*Multiple Child discount is available *only* to members.

1st Child- listed price

2nd Child- \$10 discount

3rd Child or more - \$20 discount

Session 1 only:

1st Child- listed price

2nd Child- \$5 discount

3rd Child or more - \$10 discount

*Meet Fees are included in the monthly price for the Swim Team.

*Regional's and Y-Nationals are NOT included

Payment Schedule

| SESSION: | SESSION DATES: | PAYMENT DUE DATE: |
|------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Session 1* | September 7 –September 17 | Friday, September 10 |
| Session 2 | September 20 –October 15 | Friday, September 24 |
| Session 3 | October 18 –November 12 | Friday, October 22 |
| Session 4 | November 15 –December 17 | Friday, November 19 |
| Session 5 | January 3 –January 28 | Friday, January 7 |
| Session 6 | January 31 –February 18 | Friday, February 4 |

Session 1 is only 2 weeks; cost is half listed amount

Financial Policies

Payment Policy:

- Payments are turned in at the front desk. (Returning parents: we will no longer be using the drop box).
- Payments for swim team have the option to be drafted out of a checking account, savings account or credit card each month. This option is highly recommended.
- Payment must be received by the end of practice on the payment due date.
- Brand new swimmers may receive a trial swim period. If the participant decides to swim, payment is due Monday of the following week.
- When you register your swimmer for swim team, he/she is registered for all sessions that have been checked on the registration form. If you will not be attending a session, please inform the Aquatic Director to cancel that session(s). You do not have to pay for the sessions in which your child does not participate.

Past Due Payments:

After the payment due date, a \$10.00 late fee will be applied. If late payment is not received by the following Friday, the swimmer will be suspended from practice and meets until payment, including the late fee, is received, unless prior arrangements are made through the Aquatics Director. If payment cannot be made by the above due date, please contact the Aquatics Director in advance of the due date, or a late fee will be added.

Attendance Policy:

If a swimmer is at least at one practice during a session the swimmer will be registered for that session and will be billed for that session. They will be required to pay for the entire session. There will be no pro-rated discounts based on attendance. Attendance will be taken at each practice by the coaches.

Swim Meet Policy:

If a swimmer has an account that is past due, the Aquatics Director has the right to deny the swimmer the ability to compete in a meet until their account is current.

Merchandise Policy:

Merchandise will not be given to a swimmer unless accounts are current.

Recruiting Discount: (maximum of 2 discounts per season per swimmer)

Winter Season: If a swimmer gets a friend to join the winter swim team that swimmer will get one session of swimming free. However, the new swimmer must swim for at least two sessions before the current swimmer will receive their free session of swim team. Discount applies to current season only. Parents must ask for this discount.

Summer Season: If a swimmer gets a friend to join the summer swim team that swimmer will get one session of swimming free for the following winter season. However, the new swimmer must swim for at least two sessions before the current swimmer will receive their free session of swim team. Discount will act as a credit towards the following winter season. Parents must ask for this discount

Parent Committee

The parent committee helps our Swim Team be successful. This committee will consist of the Aquatics Director, Coaches, and Parent Coordinators. If you are interested in being a part of the parent committee please contact the Head Coach, Aquatics Director or a Committee Coordinator.

Each coordinator can set up his/her own committee of helpers. The coordinator acts as the go to person for ideas, suggestions, and helps the team grow. Coordinators share ideas with Coaches and Aquatics Director. However, parents may speak directly to the Head Coach or Aquatics Director if desired.

Below are the Parent Coordinators and his/her position description:

Timer/ Official Coordinator: Kevin and Pam Phillips: phillips5@charter.net:

-Coordinate parents to work in shifts throughout swim meets to act as timers and officials. Make sure there are enough working stop watches, dq slips, clipboards, etc.

PR/ Marketing Coordinator: *Still needed. Please let Head Coach or Aquatics Director know if you are interested.*

-Including, but not limited to, collecting photographs of swimmers from parents to put together an end of the year slide show including most, if not, all the swimmers; coming up with ways to spread information about the Piranhas, in an artistic manner (parades, tshirt design, etc); producing a monthly newsletter. A list of all swimmers will be provided.

Concessions Coordinator: Dee Altieri: dealtieri@yahoo.com:

-Come up with items and food to sell. Coordinate parents to work in shifts throughout swim meets to sell items.

Fundraising Coordinator: *Still needed. Please let Head Coach or Aquatics Director know if you are interested.*

-Provides others with the means to sell heat sheet ads, lane ads, etc, for meets. Comes up with activities the swim team can do in order to raise money (ie - car wash, Sonic helper, pancake breakfast, etc).

Coaches room and Pasta Party Coordinator: Bobbie Jo Jacks: bj_jacks@bellsouth.net: -Come up with items for both events and who will bring in what. Act as a helpful hand to coaches throughout meets.

*Last winter season the swim team raised over \$2500 to buy equipment (pull buoys, kickboards, lane trainers, parachutes), personal best ribbons, pins, banquet dinner and supplies, and help cover coaches travel expenses.

If you have suggestions on how to spend the money, please direct them to the Head Coach or Aquatics Director. We appreciate all that you do!

Merchandise Information

- Swim Suits and book bags can be ordered from the www.thelifeguardstore.com
Go the "Customized Swim Team Store" on the left hand side of the screen
Username: Pickens
Password: County