



We have a program for everyone!

New Season Starts April 4, 2022 – Springfield, Illinois

Welcome to the Academy Bullets Swim Club-Springfield. We are excited about our upcoming season starting April 4, 2022, and look forward to having your family join our team

Note - We accept new swimmers at any time of the season. Unable to start right away? That's okay, start when you can.

What Ages and Skill Levels Are Needed to Join?

We have a program for everyone! We encourage kids ages 5-18 years old to join our team. (We may accept younger than age 5, depending on swim skills). All our swimmers have the opportunity to participate in meets and practice – No cuts and no benchwarmers on this team.

More important than age is a willingness to be in the water. If your child is comfortable in the water (puts face in the water and can float by themselves) we have a place for them on our team. We consistently take kids of this level and train them into strong, enthusiastic swimmers.

Practice Locations

The Academy Bullets-Springfield practices at Eisenhower Pool and FitClub West during the spring and use Eisenhower and the Nelson Center Pool from Labor Day through August.

When are the Practices and What is the Practice Commitment Like?

Practice times range from 45 mins to 1.5 hours based on the swimmer's level/group. There are usually sessions offered 3-6 times a week but there are ***no requirements as to how many practices swimmers must attend each week***. Our coaches suggest finding a consistent schedule that works for your family/swimmer.

Because of this flexibility, our team is a great fit for athletes who participate in multiple sports or activities.

Our Spring practice schedule can be viewed [HERE](#)

What Commitment Can We Expect to Make for Meets?

Our swimmers participate in a variety of meets. Most of our newer swimmers participate in our team hosted and Future Stars meets which are held at our home pools. During the summer we also offer small meets with various summer league teams. We also offer meets throughout Central Illinois in places like Bloomington/Normal, Peoria, Champaign, etc. for those swimmers that want to expand their participation,

Participation in meets is voluntary and families sign up for the meets they are interested in and are able to attend. Some of our meets are multi-day meets and allow for swimmers to sign up for the days they want to attend. In a normal season we generally offer approximately 2 meets per month.

How to Join Our Exciting Team – New Member Evaluations

All new members need to attend *one* of our new member evaluation sessions. Instead of tryouts, we offer free evaluations so our coaches can see what the swimmers' level/skills are and then place them accordingly into a practice group (i.e. IncrediBullets, Bronze, Silver) that best fits their age, and abilities.

- Dates – March 17, 24 at 6:00 pm and March 20, 27, April 3 at 11:00 am
- Location – Eisenhower Pool

If you cannot attend one of these placement dates, please let us know and we can arrange for another date and time. Please bring suit, towel, and goggles.

How Much Does It Cost to Join the Bullets?

Our fee varies, based on your swimmer's level placement. We feel we are truly the best deal in youth sports in central Illinois, especially considering the number of practices available to our swimmers each week. Our monthly training fees can be found [HERE](#)

Other expenses include:

- \$65 Registration Fee/Swimmer (1x per season)
- \$83 USA Swimming Fee/Swimmer (1x fee per calendar year)

Meet fees:

- Intrasquad Meets - flat \$10 fee
- Multi-Day USA Swimming Meets - Fees vary by meet but there is normally a \$10 surcharge and charge per event entered ranging from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per event.

All New Bullets' Swimmers receive the following:

- Free team t-shirt
- Free team cinch bag
- Free team swim cap.

Additional Information/ Questions?

- Additional Information Can be found on our website [HERE](#), [HERE](#) and [HERE](#)
- Have you filled out the new swimmer interest form? If not you can do so [HERE](#). We can then send you additional information and updates as they become available.
- If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our head site coach Jeff Skeels at j.skeels@academybullets.com

Invite Your Family and Friends – We Would Love to Have Them Join US

If you have any family and/or friends that might be interested in our team, please pass our information to them. We would love to have them join us. They can also complete our new swimmer interest form [HERE](#) and we will contact them directly with additional information.