



Summer 2019 Rockville Rays Swim Team Registration Information

The Rockville Rays is the summer swim team of the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center. The team is operated through a partnership of the Recreation and Parks Department, and the Rockville Rays Parents group. This summer, the Rockville Rays will be competing in Division A of the Montgomery County Swim League (MCSL) along with Stonegate, Country Glen, Tallyho, Woodcliffe, and Bethesda.

Our program consists of a series of dual meets divided into two levels of competition. The advanced 'A' meets are limited in the number of competitors per team (meet entries completed by coaches), while the 'B' meets are open to any swimmer not competing in the 'A' meets. We have a full season of Saturday 'A' meets and Wednesday night 'B' meets, so all of our swimmers will have an opportunity to compete in at least one meet each week. Swimmers must be able to swim at least one length of the pool (without stopping) to join the team, as evaluated by the coaches.

VERY IMPORTANT DATES!! These are important dates for the Rays, and we need many volunteers:

- April 1, Registration opens
- June 7, 6:30pm: Parent Orientation Meeting
- **June 8, 8am: Time Trials and Group Picture Day.** Participation by all families is needed to help run Time Trials. This meet determines our swimmers' initial seed times. We will need all parents to be available to help run the meet. Please note that only swimmers who have registered and paid their fees can participate in the Time Trials.
- TBD Relay Carnival; (Rain date TBD)
- July 20 Division Champs, Host TBD
- July 27-28 Concessions for All Star Meets.

Practice Schedule

Rays Team practice starts Tues., May 28, in the South Pool (indoors at Rockville Swim and Fitness Center).

- Tuesday May 28 until June 14, swim team practice will be from 4pm – 5:30pm (Mon – Fri) for all swimmers.
- Monday June 17 until July 19, swim team practice will change to 5pm-6pm for 10 and under swimmers and 6pm-7pm for 11 and older swimmers on Mon, Tues, and Thurs.

Friday practices will be 5pm-6pm (for all swimmers) so our Friday team parties can start at 6pm.

An important highlight for the 2019 season is that the indoor pool's locker rooms and lobby will be closed for renovations. The indoor pools and fitness rooms will be open with minimal interruptions and all swimmers and families should plan on entering the facility from the outdoor pool's entrance and use the outdoor pool's bathhouse for the duration of the 2019 season.

Registration & Fees

First, visit <http://rockvillerrays.us> and complete the online registration form. After a successful registration, you will receive a “confirmation email”. Please take this email (print-out or phone) to the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center to finalize registration. This includes: completing the City of Rockville Registration Form and submitting payments to the City of Rockville AND Rockville Rays Parents (more details below). Most of our team communication including swim meets sign-ups, and parent volunteer sign-ups are on-line. To allow for team planning, do not delay in registration. **In order to allow for adequate planning, registration must be completed, and payments submitted by June 5th.**

Fees (two fee payments are required):

Payable to the City of Rockville (via cash, visa, Mastercard or check to City of Rockville)		AND	Payable to Rockville Rays Parents (via CHECK ONLY to Rockville Rays Parents)
Member*	Non-Member		All Families
\$130 per swimmer	\$265 per swimmer		\$80 per family

** To take advantage of the special pricing for Rockville Swim and Fitness Center Members, the Rays swimmer must be registered for an active aquatics or full facility membership spanning the entire session of the swim season (25 punch passes are not included).*

See <http://www.rockvillemd.gov/index.aspx?NID=400> for details on membership plans.

The City of Rockville believes that everyone, regardless of income, should be able to participate in its recreation opportunities. To facilitate participation, the department offers financial assistance through programs such as the Recreation Fund and Senior Assistance Fund.

Limited financial assistance is available for Rockville residents, based on income. Please review the link below or call 240-314-8620 for more information.

<http://www.rockvillemd.gov/384/Recreation-Financial-Assistance>

The Swim and Fitness Center also has a Reduced Price Membership Program (application available at the Front Desk) which may help individuals qualify for a discounted facility membership that entitles them to the member price on the Rays Program.

Transfers to and from the Rays for swimmers who competed on a different MCSL team in the prior season: MCSL has implemented new rules and procedures governing movement of swimmers among teams within the league. If a swimmer had participated on a different MCSL team last year, or if for some reason a prior Rays swimmer will be joining a different MCSL team for 2019, be sure to check the league’s website at <http://www.mcs.org> for instructions on how to seek approval for a transfer. If MCSL approval is required (see website for details), transfer requests must be submitted by 5/1/19.

Parent Volunteer Information

Every family on the team is a member of the Rockville Rays Parents group, which exists to support the swim program. This year, volunteering will be required in order for your child to swim. If parents do not sign-up for at least 5 volunteering opportunities (at meets and concessions) after registration, their swimmer will lose the eligibility to be entered in any swim meets. This includes officiating, timing, clerk of course, and other jobs listed on our sign-up website. Please seriously consider becoming a Stroke & Turn Official or Starter. MCSL offers free classes (see below and on the <http://www.mcsl.org/Officials.aspx>) and you will be able to shadow more experienced officials. The Rockville Rays Parents group also staffs a concession stand during several big swim meets this summer (Long Course, and All Stars), so we need Rays parents to volunteer to sell concessions. The revenue generated from these activities helps support the Rays and keeps our registration fees lower. Parents who are certified as an MCSL Referee or Starter and serve at least three times in B meets, or join an automation clinic and serve at least three times in B meet automation sessions will get the family club fee waived by July 17th.

Team Suit Information

The Rays team swim suit this year will be the Dolfin Sliver (blue). Costs are as follows: Boy's (jammer) suit is \$35, and the Girl's suit is \$45 (please add 6% tax). Team suits are available for purchase from Capital Sport and Swim (301-949-7366), located at 10558 Metropolitan Ave, Kensington MD 20895. **Capital Sport and Swim will also provide fitting service prior to time trials at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center on June 7th from 5:30pm to 6:30pm**, and the suits will be available for purchase on site with either cash, check or credit card. Please make sure kids remain **DRY** for the fitting prior to entering the pool. Wearing the team suit is strongly encouraged.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Rays Parents' Representatives Charles Schwieters via email at charles@schwieters.org OR Tiffany Jones via email at tiffanyjones411@gmail.com or 301-356-8976. For City of Rockville, Department of Recreation and Parks related questions, please contact Dave Greene at 240-314-8755 or dgreene@rockvillemd.gov.

Officials Clinics (Free)

Register at www.mcsl.org/Officials.aspx, then choose Officials Certification on the left hand menu.

Date(s)	Time(s)	Training Session	Location
Monday, May 20	7:00 PM	Adv. Ref (certified refs only)	Olney Swim Center
Sunday, June 2	8:00 AM	Ref / Starter / S&T (choose one)	Olney Swim Center
Monday, June 3	6:00 PM	S&T	Flower Hill
Wednesday, June 5	6:00 PM	Ref / Starter	Connecticut Belair

Sunday, June 9	8:00 AM	Ref / Starter / S&T (choose one)	Olney Swim Center
Tuesday, June 11	7:00 PM	S&T	Germantown Indoor Swim Center

2019 Rockville Rays Calendar

Practices

Tuesday, May 28th	Practice Begins & Registration Due	
Tuesday, May 28 - Friday, June 14	Rockville Rays Practices: Mon - Fri 4:00 PM-5:30 PM (all swimmers)	South Pool (Outdoor Entrance)
Monday, June 17 - Friday, July 19	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5:00 PM-6:00 PM for 10 and under swimmers OR 6:00 PM-7:00 PM for 11 and over swimmers Friday 5:00 PM-6:00 PM (all swimmers)	South Pool (Outdoor Entrance)

Meets & Events

Date(s)	Time(s)	Event	Location
Friday, May 31 - Sunday, June 2	3:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Concessions for Maryland Long Course Meet <i>* Volunteers needed</i>	Rockville Fitness Pool
Friday, June 7	5:30 PM	Suit Fitting	Conference Room A
Friday, June 7	6:00 PM	Rays Party	Outdoor Sundeck
Friday, June 7	6:30 PM	Parent Orientation Meeting	Conference Room A
Saturday, June 8	8:00 AM	Rays Time Trials / Group Picture	Rockville Fitness Pool
Wednesday, June 12	6:00 PM	B Meet: Rays vs. Wildwood Manor	Wildwood Manor Pool
Friday, June 14	6:00 PM	Rays Party	Outdoor Sundeck
Saturday, June 15	9:00 AM	A Meet: Rays vs. Woodcliffe	Rockville Fitness Pool
Wednesday, June 19	6:00 PM	B Meet: Rays vs. Bethesda	Rockville Fitness Pool
Friday, June 21	6:00 PM	Rays Party	Outdoor Sundeck
Saturday, June 22	9:00 AM	A Meet: Rays vs. Country Glen	Country Glen Pool

Wednesday, June 26	6:00 PM	B Meet: Rays vs. Woodley Gardens	Rockville South Pool
Friday, June 28	6:00 PM	Rays Party	Outdoor Sundeck
Saturday, June 29	9:00 AM	A Meet: Rays vs. Tallyho	Rockville Fitness Pool
Wednesday, July 3	6:00 PM	B Meet: Rays vs. Clarksburg Town Center	Clarksburg Town Center Pool
Friday, July 5	6:00 PM	Rays Party	Outdoor Sundeck
Saturday, July 6	9:00 AM	A Meet: Rays vs. Bethesda	Bethesda Pool
TBD	9:00 AM	Relay Carnival	TBD
Tuesday, July 9	6:00 PM	Coaches Long Course Invitational	Rockville Fitness Pool
Wednesday, July 10	6:00 PM	B Meet: Rays vs. King Farm	King Farm Pool
Friday, July 12	6:00 PM	Rays Party	Outdoor Sundeck
Saturday, July 13	9:00 AM	A Meet: Rays vs. Stonegate	Rockville Fitness Pool
Wednesday, July 17	6:00 PM	B Meet: Rays Family Relays	Rockville South Pool
Friday, July 19	6:00 PM	Rays Party	Outdoor Sundeck
Saturday, July 20	7:00 AM	A Divisional Championship Meet	TBD
Monday, July 22	6:00 PM	Rays Laser Tag Night	Shadowland (Gaithersburg)
Saturday, July 27	7:00 AM	MCSL All-Star Relays	Rockville Fitness Pool
Sunday, July 28	8:00 AM	MCSL Individual All-Stars	Rockville Fitness Pool
Sunday, July 28	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Rays Team Banquet	Richard Montgomery High School



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ROCKVILLE RAYS SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION FORM – 2019 (Due 6/5/19)

The REGISTRATION FEE of \$80.00 per family is payable by **check only** to:
"ROCKVILLE RAYS PARENTS".

Please visit the Rays website (<https://www.rockvillerrays.us>) to complete the Team Membership Form. Documentation of Online Sign-Up will be required before payment is accepted at the Swim and Fitness Center to finalize registration for the team.

The PROGRAM FEE paid by cash, check (payable to City of Rockville) or credit card at the Swim and Fitness Center Front Desk is \$130.00 for Swim and Fitness Center members, \$265.00 for non-members. Note that membership must be valid for the swimmer, for the length of the Rays program.

PARENTS' NAMES

_____	_____	_____
Last	First	MI.

Last	First	MI.

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone # _____ Mother's Work # _____ Father's Work # _____

Email (very important): _____

SWIMMERS:

_____	M / F	DOB _____
LAST FIRST MI.		
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Note for Swimmers transferring from other MCSL teams: If a swimmer had participated on a different MCSL team last year, check the league's website at www.mcsll.org for instructions on how to seek approval for a transfer. If MCSL approval is required (see website for details), transfer requests must be submitted by 5/1/19.

Release, Waiver, Assumption of Risk and Consent

Participation in the program may be a hazardous activity. Participant should not participate in the program unless participant is in good physical shape and is medically able. Participant (or parent or guardian on behalf of a minor child participant) assumes all risks associated with participation in this program, including but not limited to, those generally associated with this type of program, the hazards of traveling on public roads, of accidents, of illness, and of the forces of nature. In consideration of the right to participate in the program and in further consideration of the arrangement made for the participant by the Mayor and Council of Rockville through its Department of Recreation and Parks for food, travel, and recreation, the participant, his or her heirs, and executors, or a parent or guardian on behalf of a minor child participant, agrees to release and indemnify the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville and all of its agents, officers and employees, from any and all claims for injuries or loss of any person or property which may arise out of or result from participation in the program. The participant (or the parent or guardian on behalf of a minor child participant) grants permission for a doctor or emergency medical technician to administer emergency treatment of the participant and consents to the City's use of photographs taken or videotapes made of the program that include the participant. Neither the instructor nor any of the staff are responsible for participants prior to or after the scheduled program. By my participation in a City of Rockville, Department of Recreation and Parks program and/or entering this facility, I agree to follow all posted and/or published rules and staff member's instructions. Violation may result in removal from the program and/or suspension from the facility.

Signature of Participant/Guardian _____ Date _____