



## Summer 2026 Rockville Rays Swim Team Registration Information

This summer, the Rockville Rays will be competing in Division A of the Montgomery County Swim League (MCSL) along with Stonegate, Stonebridge, Country Glen, Woodliffe and Wildwood Manor.

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 (dual and intrasquad), so all our swimmers will be guaranteed to 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<sup>st</sup>, Registration opens only for City of Rockville Residents (check residency at [www.rockvillemd.gov/gis](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/gis))
- April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Registration opens for all (Rockville Residents and Non-Residents).
- May 26<sup>th</sup> 4:15pm: Parent Orientation Meeting
- **June 6, 8am: Time Trials.** 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 meeting. Please note that only swimmers who have registered and paid their fees can participate in the Time Trials.
- TBD: Relay Carnival; (Rain date TBD) – Relay Carnival Window is June 21 – July 5
- July 7<sup>th</sup>: Concessions sales for MCSL Coaches' Invitational Long Course Meet (at RSFC). See volunteer info section of this packet for details.
- July 18<sup>th</sup> Division Champs at TBD
- July 25-26 All Star Relay and Individual All Star Meets at RSFC

### Practice Schedule

Rays Practice starts Tues., May 26<sup>th</sup>, in the South Pool (indoors at Rockville Swim & Fitness Center).

- Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup> until Wednesday June 17<sup>th</sup>, swim team practice will be from 4pm – 5pm (10 and under) and 4pm – 5:30pm (11 and older) Mon – Fri.
- Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup> until Friday July 17<sup>th</sup>, swim practice will change to 5pm-6pm (10 and under) and 6pm–7pm (11 and older) on Mon, Tues, and Thurs. Friday practices will be 5pm-6pm (for all swimmers) so our Friday parties can start at 6pm.
  - Beginning on 6/17 for the summer season, families should plan on entering the facility from the outdoor pool's entrance and use the outdoor pool's bathhouse to enter the facility for practices.

### Registration & Fees

First, visit <https://rockvillerrays.com> 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 online. To assure your child's spot on the roster, do not delay in registration. **To attend time trials, registration must be completed, and payments submitted by June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Any registration after June 3<sup>rd</sup> will still be accepted until June 6<sup>th</sup>; however, those individuals will only be able to attend time trials make-up.**

**Fees (two fee payments are required):**

Payable to the City of Rockville (Course #39951)		AND	Payable to Rockville Rays Parents
Member*	Non-Member		\$100 per family
\$160 per swimmer	\$315 per swimmer		

*\* 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 <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/services/memberships-at-rockville-swim-and-fitness-center/> 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 call 240-314-8620 to make an appointment. Additional Information available at:**

<https://www.rockvillemd.gov/services/recreation-financial-assistance-programs/>

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 rules and procedures governing movement of swimmers among teams within the league. If a swimmer participated on a different MCSL team in the previous year, or if for some reason a prior Rays swimmer will be joining a different MCSL team for 2026, be sure to fill out the league's team transfer form (link: <https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/pDZSnWVXfM81rJKqeH4v>). Transfer requests should be submitted by 6/1/2026.

**Parent Volunteer Information**

Every family on the team is a member of the Rockville Rays Parents group, which exists to support the swim program. Volunteering is required for your child to swim. **If parents do not sign-up for at least five volunteer opportunities after registration, with three being an on-deck position, their swimmer will lose the eligibility to be entered in any swim meets.** On-deck positions include officiating, timing, and clerk of course. All other jobs are listed on our sign-up website. The Rockville Rays Parents group also staffs a concession stand during several big swim meets this summer at the

Rockville Swim and Fitness Center (MCSL Coaches' 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 (purchase equipment, support team activities, etc.)

**MCSL offers free classes (see below and on the <https://mcsl.org/officials/>) for new and recertifying officials.** Please seriously consider becoming a Stroke & Turn Official, Referee, or Starter. **Parents who are certified as a MCSL Referee or Starter, have two or more years of experience in either position, and serve at least three times in B meets, will be reimbursed the Rockville Rays Parents Club fee of \$100 refunded by July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

## **Montgomery County Swim League Code of Conduct and Expectations for Participation**

### **Code of Conduct**

As a condition of participation in Rockville Rays, all coaches, athletes, and their parent/guardians/family members (participating adults) agree to follow Montgomery County Swim League's Code of Conduct available at <https://mcsl.org/dynamic/code-of-conduct>, MCSL Safe Sport Best Practice Guidelines available at <https://mcsl.org/dynamic/safe-sport>, Rockville Swim and Fitness Center Facility Guidelines, available at <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/places/rockville-swim-and-fitness-center/> as well as posted rules and staff member's instructions.

### **Communications**

Athletes, coaches, and participating adults are expected to always interact with each other in a courteous and respectful manner, including through electronic communications. Except in emergency situations, an adult (18+) may not have one-on-one electronic communications with a minor participant. All electronic communications between an adult and a minor participant should have a second adult included which is suggested to be the minor's parent/guardian (Exceptions: participants who are 18 years of age may communicate with other 15-18 year old participants directly and family members may communicate directly). At any time, should an individual express their preference to cease electronic communication (from non-family members), it must be honored.

### **Team Suit Information**

The Rays team swimsuit this year will be a Dolfin brand in nylon (black) with the team logo. Costs are as follows: Jammer is \$44, Brief is \$29 (no logo), Girl's suit is \$52 and prices do not include tax. Team suits are available for purchase from Cassel's Awards & Engraving (703-435-4666 online at <https://rockvillerrays2026.itemorder.com/shop/home/>). Wearing the team suit is strongly encouraged.

### **For More Information**

**If there are any questions**, please feel free to contact Charles Schwieters via email at [charles@schwieters.org](mailto:charles@schwieters.org). For City of Rockville, Department of Recreation and Parks related questions, please contact Dave Greene at 240-314-8755 or [dgreene@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:dgreene@rockvillemd.gov).

## Officials Clinics (Free)

Register at <https://mcs1.org/officials/>, then choose Officials Certification on the left-hand menu.

Date(s)	Time(s)	Training Session	Location
Monday, May 18	7:00 PM	Advanced Referee	Online
Wednesday, May 20	7:00 PM	Starter	Online
Thursday, May 21	7:00 PM	Referee	Online
Wednesday, May 27	7:00 PM	Recertifying Stroke & Turn	Online
Thursday, May 28	7:00 PM	Advanced Referee	Online
Sunday, May 31	8:00 AM	First Time (new) or Recertifying Stroke & Turn	In-Person
Sunday, May 31	7:00 PM	Recertifying Stroke & Turn	Online
Monday, June 1	7:00 PM	Starter	Online
Wednesday, June 3	7:00 PM	New or Recertifying Stroke & Turn	Online
Thursday, June 4	7:00 PM	Referee	Online
Sunday, June 7	8:00 AM	New or Recertifying Stroke & Turn	In-Person
Sunday, June 7	7:00 PM	Referee	Online
Monday, June 8	7:00 PM	Recertifying Stroke & Turn	Online
Tuesday, June 9	7:00 PM	Starter	Online
Wednesday, June 10	7:00 PM	"Last Chance" New/Recertifying Stroke & Turn)	Online

## 2026 Rockville Rays Calendar

### Practices

<b>Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Practice Begins (Registration Required)</b> <b>* If registration payment is not paid in full, swimmers will be ineligible to practice.</b>	
Tuesday, May 26 - Wednesday, June 17*	<b>10-year-old and under:</b> Mon - Fri 4:00 PM-5:00 PM <b>11-year-old and over:</b> Mon - Fri 4:00 PM-5:30 PM	South Pool (Indoor Entrance)
Thursday, June 18* - Friday, July 17  <i>*Depending on MCPS end of year schedules, the transition date from pre-summer to summer practice schedules may change. Email communication will be sent if practice schedules change.</i>	<b>10-year-old and under:</b> Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5:00 PM-6:00 PM <b>11-year-old and over:</b> Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 6:00 PM-7:00 PM <b>All ages:</b> Friday 5:00 PM-6:00 PM	South Pool (Outdoor Entrance)

## Meets & Events

Meet times and locations are subject to change. Any changes will be sent through email using the email address provided during online registration.

Date(s)	Time(s)	Event	Location
Friday, June 5	6:00 PM	Rays Friday Night Social Event	Rockville Sundeck
Saturday, June 6	8:00 AM	Rays Time Trials	Rockville Fitness Pool
Wednesday, June 10	4:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Time Trial Make-up (in lieu of practice)	Rockville South Pool
Friday, June 12	6:00 PM	Rays Friday Night Social Event	Rockville Sundeck
Saturday, June 13	9:00 AM	1A Meet: Rays vs. Woodcliffe Wahoos	Rockville Fitness Pool
Wednesday, June 17	5:30 PM	1B Meet: Rays at Potomac Glen Gators	Potomac Glen Pool
Friday, June 19	6:00 PM	Rays Friday Night Social Event	Rockville Sundeck
Saturday, June 20	9:00 AM	2A Meet: Rays at Stonegate Serpents	Stonegate Pool
Wednesday, June 24	5:30 PM	2B Meet: TBD	Rockville Wellness Pool
Friday, June 26	6:00 PM	Rays Friday Night Social Event	Rockville Sundeck
Saturday, June 27	9:00 AM	3A Meet: Rays vs. Country Glen Sun Devils	Rockville Fitness Pool
Wednesday, July 1	5:30 PM	3B Meet: Rays at King Farm Screamin' Geese	Rockville Wellness Pool
Saturday, July 4	9:00 AM	4A Meet: Rays at Wildwood Manor Wombats	Wildwood Manor Pool
TBD	9:00 AM	Relay Carnival	TBD
Tuesday, July 7	6:00 PM	Coaches Long Course Meet	Rockville Fitness Pool
Wednesday, July 8	5:30 PM	4B Meet: Rays at Bethesda Barracudas	Bethesda Outdoor Pool
Friday, July 10	6:00 PM	Rays Friday Night Social Event	Rockville Sundeck
Saturday, July 11	9:00 AM	5A Meet: Rays vs. Stonegate Serpents	Rockville Fitness Pool
Sunday, July 12	9:00 AM	Jurassic Pool 8 and under Mini Meet	Westleigh Recreation Club
Wednesday, July 15	5:30 PM	5B Meet: Rays vs. Woodley Gardens Waves	Rockville Wellness Pool
Friday, July 17	6:00 PM	Rays Friday Night Social Event	Rockville Sundeck
Saturday, July 18	8:00 AM	Divisional Meet	TBD
TBD	TBD	Shadowland Laser Tag Outing	Shadowland Laser Tag
Saturday, July 25	7:00 AM	Relay All-Star Meet	Rockville Fitness Pool
Sunday, July 26	8:00 AM	Individual All-Star Meet	Rockville Fitness Pool
Sunday, July 26	4:00 PM	End of Season Party	TBD

### Rays Friday Night Social Events

There is a party on the Outdoor Deck at the pool every Friday during the season. Dates and more information are available on the Rockville Rays website ([www.rockvillerays.com](http://www.rockvillerays.com)).

