

INFORMATION PACKET
Regional YMCA of Western CT Mako Swim Team
Long Course 2010 Swim Season

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March 28, 2010

Dear Mako Swimmer(s) and Family,

Welcome to the 2010 Mako Long Course Swim season; practice begins April 19, 2010 for AG1, SR2, Sr1, and NF groups and April 26, 2010 for Silver and Blue groups. This Information Packet explains the registration process. Another packet, the **Registration Form Packet**, contains all of the forms that you need to return with your registration. These forms will not be mailed to you; you must print them, fill them out and return them with your payment to complete your registration

First of all we ask that you please read the [Mako Handbook](#) which contains useful information on the team; the refund policy is the last paragraph on the last page (see makoswim.org and go to "RESOURCES").

Again this season we are offering a "Large Family Discount" for families with 3 or more swimmers enrolled concurrently. See the Payment Worksheet Form in the Registration Form Packet for the discount structure that applies depending on family size and practice group assignment.

If you have already paid for your long course fees when you enrolled in short course last fall you need only to replenish your meet account at this time. Please see the statement that was emailed to you with your meet fee balance and use the payment worksheet to add money to your meet account as needed.

As in the past we will have a limited in-house priority enrollment period during which returnees from short course (SC) 09-10 and LC09 will be enrolled. During this period we will also place any new siblings of returning swimmers. The **in-house enrollment period will end on April 7, 2010** and all of your forms and payments should be completed and returned to the YMCA by that date. *After this date, registration will be open to new team members and returning swimmers/families on a first come first-served basis until the team is full.*

The Mako Swim Team encourages members to participate in USA Swimming (USA-S); keep in mind there are NO time standards required to participate (Age Group Championships have standards that are of a similar caliber as Y New England's). The main decision is the time and financial commitment; those swimmers who sign up for USA-S will be competing in both YMCA and USA-S meets. By participating in USA-S, swimmers will have more chances to compete and qualify for championships. More information about USA-S is provided in the attached "USA Swimming and Meet Information" handout. If you have questions about whether or not USA-S is appropriate for your swimmer(s) please feel free to contact me.

If this will be your first year signing up for USA-S please include a copy of your child's birth certificate. Birth certificates are not needed for those who have been registered USA swimmers with the Mako team in the past. The Meet Account Deposit on the Payment Worksheet form should be included if you will be registering for USA Swimming.

If you were a registered member of USA swimming in the short course season 2009-10, you are already registered with USA swimming for LC10 and you are registered through 12/31/10. If you were not registered with USA swimming for sc09-10 and wish to add USA swimming for LC10 you may do so – just make that selection on your "**WCYM USA & YMCA SWIMMING LONG COURSE 2010 ATHLETE REGISTRATION APPLICATION**" and be sure to add money to your meet account the swimmer's payment worksheet – your swimmer will be registered at the reduced "seasonal" athlete fee.

Practice Group Assignments: For returnees, the practice group assignments will be / have been emailed to you along with your meet account balances. Practice groups for long course are determined based on a swimmer's ability, training needs and age as of July 29, 2010. The goal is to group swimmers to allow for an efficient and appropriate workout experience. As the season progresses swimmers may be reevaluated and placement may change at the coaches' discretion. If you are a newcomer or have a new sibling who has not received a practice group assignment please contact me to obtain these assignments.

The Mako Parent Committee and the coaches will be hosting a general parent meeting; each NEW family must attend one of these meetings at the Brookfield Town Hall Room 133 on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 or Thursday, April 29, 2010, both run from 7-8:30pm. The meeting will be geared towards new families, returning swim families are welcome to attend as well.

Our initial meet schedule will be distributed in April. Meet signups will start early – watch makoswim.org the deadlines. Lastly, if you have a remaining positive meet balance from last season you may reduce your Meet Account Deposit by that amount (see the payment worksheet). If you have a meet account balance due from last season the amount owed must be added onto the meet fees and paid with your registration (see the payment worksheet). All swimmers must maintain a positive balance. If you are taking the long course season off please pay any meet account balance immediately; positive balances may be carried over to the fall season or refunded you are leaving the team.

Thank you for taking the time to read and fill out this packet. Please let me know if you have any questions. We hope to see you on the team this season.

Sincerely,

Roger Simmons
Head Coach - Mako Swim Team

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Attention: Swim Team Registration

If you wish to hand deliver your registration to the YMCA, please put the forms and your payment in an envelope labeled "Swim Team Registration" and ask the person behind the desk to write the date and time on it and place it in the swim team mail slot behind the desk.