

2024 Summer Camp:

What is the Third Coast Aquatics Summer camp?

It's a camp designed to help strengthen and enhance the skills of all water polo players. Our camps are for players of all skill levels. Players may be divided up inside of their designated groups for any number of reasons.

How does an athlete enroll for Summer camp?

Visits thirdcoastaquatics.com and click on the link to fill out the google enrollment form. An athlete can also download and print an enrollment form and send it in the mail to the address featured on the form.

Junior Olympics Team:

Can anybody sign up for the Junior Olympic portion of the program?

Yes. The club does hold the right to select players at their discretion.

How do I sign my child up?

Please visit thirdcoastaquatics.com and click on the Junior Olympics interest link and fill out the google form.

Are there extra practices for JO's?

At this moment there are not. There will be days at camp where the JO players will be grouped together so that they can work on their skills together.

What happens if more than 2 goalies sign up for Junior Olympics team?

It might be necessary to hold a skills assessment.

What tournaments will the JO team play in?

With the shortened summer they will only play in the Qualifier, JO's and the Great Lakes Classic. There may be others. JO players always have the first right to play in any tournaments that Third Coast plays in.

Can I be a J.O. Team member if I miss the qualifier or any of the other summer tournaments?

It is heavily recommended that if you are playing in J.O.'s you participate in all the summer tournaments. Exceptions can only be made by the head coach.

Does an athlete need to be a Gold Member to play in J.O.'s or the qualifier?

Yes. These are both USA Water Polo sanctioned events. They need to pay the \$ 145.00 Fee and assign Third Coast Aquatics as their club. The Great Lakes Classic is also sanctioned.

Can an athlete participate in the qualifier or any other summer tournament's if they are not planning on participating in J.O.'s?

Yes. With coach approval they can. They would need to pay any tournament player fees and be a gold member if necessary.

What is the philosophy of the club when it comes to playing time?

We understand how great the financial investment might be for some families. All athletes will receive as much playing time as fits into the dynamic of the team and into the strategy of a game. Coaches are human and understand the need and want to play in a game. Please judge the experience after many games and not just one. We try not to put winning before personal growth (except in tournaments that we have to qualify in).

2024 JO's:

What teams will Third Coast attempt to enroll:

18u Boys 16u Boys 14u Boys
18u Girls 16u Girls

What determines on what team an athlete plays?

The athletes age determines what teams they are allowed to play on. Whatever the athletes age is on August 1 of the year that the tournament is held determines what teams those are. An athlete may play up depending on their individual skills and at the discretion of the coaches.

How many athletes will there be on a team?

We try to have no fewer than 9 and no more than 13. JO's allow up to 18.

Junior Olympics Tournament Facts:

Which session will the team play in?

JO's are offered in 3 different sessions. Session I and Session II require qualification. The qualifying tournament will be held at Indiana University.

Session I

Boys Teams Only

Bay Area California

July 20, 21, 22 & 23

Qualification is needed

Non Player Attendees must pay for game day entry which may be purchased in advance from uswaterpolo.org or at the venue.

All games are played at different outdoor venues.

Session II

Girls Teams Only

Bay Area California

July 25, 26, 27 & 28

Qualification is needed

Non Player Attendees must pay for game day entry which may be purchased in advance from uswaterpolo.org or at the venue.

All games are played at different outdoor venues.

Session III

Boys & Girls Play at the same time on their individual teams.

Dallas area

August 1, 2, 3 & 4

Qualification is not needed

Non Player Attendees must pay for game day entry which may be purchased in advance from uswaterpolo.org or at the venue.

All games are played at different indoor venues.

Travel:

Are parents responsible for getting their child to tournament games?

You are responsible for getting your child to all tournaments and all games except for JO's.

How does the team get to games at JO's?

The club rents team vans at JO's to get players from Hotel to games. Every JO athlete must ride in the team van.

Does the club buy the players airline tickets for JO's?

No, you will need to book your ticket to California / Texas for JO's.

Does a parent have to travel with their child?

No, feel free to put your child on our flight and we will watch after them.

We will assemble a list of all flights to better track the arrival of all players.

The coaches will let the club know their flight details in case players want to fly with them.

Are parents invited?

Yes, we encourage all parents to travel with us! We will keep you up to date while the tournament is occurring. There is usually a great group of parents that travel to the games. Parents and friends energy is important at games.

Are meals included?

No. All athletes must bring money for their own meals. We will attempt to book a hotel with free breakfast.

Hotels:

Do I need to find lodging at tournaments from an athlete?

We will attempt to secure a block of rooms for athletes and families at a reduced rate.

In order to keep costs down, we try to have no fewer than 3 and no more than 4 athletes per room. Parents are responsible for booking their own rooms.

Does an athlete have to stay in the athlete room?

No. An athlete may stay in his parents room.

Safety:

How do you know the athletes are safe?

All our coaches are Safesport certified. We try to be as open and communicative with all the athletes and all the parents in the club.

The club is working with a local advocacy center to give our coaches the training they need to help look for and listen to our athletes for any signs of abuse or neglect.

We will be continually working on ways to improve the safety of athletes and their families.

Help:

Are there opportunities to help at JO's?

We always need team van drivers, someone to secure team vans, someone to secure team hotels, some to buy coolers and pack them daily at JO's. We always need someone to organize all of the player flights.

You can also help by giving the club and any other potential parents and honest assessment of the club. We become a better club with your feedback.