



About GPSA

GPSA Wiki Documentation

Greater Peninsula Swimming Association

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The Greater Peninsula Swimming Association (GPSA) is a summer recreational swim league serving youth swimmers on the Virginia Peninsula. Founded in the 1963, the GPSA has provided generations of swimmers with a fun, competitive environment to develop their skills and build lasting friendships.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to:

- Provide a safe, fun, and competitive swimming environment
- Develop swimming skills and sportsmanship in young athletes
- Foster community connections through team spirit
- Create positive summer experiences for families

League Structure

Divisions

GPSA is organized into three divisions based on team size and competitive balance:

- **Red Division**
- **White Division**
- **Blue Division**

For current team assignments, see the [Meet Schedule](#) on the GPSA website.

How Divisions Work

- Teams are assigned to divisions before each season based on competitive balance
- Division assignments may change year-to-year as team sizes and competitiveness shift
- Each division has a **Division Coordinator** who helps manage scheduling and communication
- Teams compete primarily against other teams in their division during dual meets

Division Scheduling

- Each team swims **one dual meet per week** during the regular season (typically Monday or Thursday evenings)
- The schedule rotates so teams face different opponents each week
- Home and away designations alternate throughout the season
- Division schedules are published before the season on the [Meet Schedule](#) page

Season Format

The GPSA season runs from mid-June through mid-July, featuring:

Dual Meets Standard head-to-head competitions between two teams from the same division. These count toward division standings and are the primary format for regular season competition.

Friendship Meets Optional meets between teams from **different divisions** or teams wanting additional competition. Friendship meets:

- Do **not** count toward division standings or rankings
- Typically follow the same rules and format as dual meets

- Are scheduled by mutual agreement between participating teams
- Provide additional competition opportunities without affecting standings

Championship Events

- **Summer Splash Invitational** - Season-ending awards meet celebrating participation
- **Championship Meet (City Meet)** - Season-ending championship for qualifying swimmers

Age Groups

GPSA offers age groups for swimmers ages 4-18:

Age Group	Description
6 & Under	Swimmers 6 years old and younger
7-8	Swimmers ages 7-8
9-10	Swimmers ages 9-10
11-12	Swimmers ages 11-12
13-14	Swimmers ages 13-14
15-18	Swimmers ages 15-18

Note: Age is determined as of June 1st of the current season.

Team Participation

GPSA currently includes teams from across the Virginia Peninsula, representing:

- Neighborhood pools
- Country clubs
- Recreation centers
- Community associations

Current Member Teams

See the [Teams](#) page for a complete list of current member teams.

Governance

GPSA is governed by:

- **Executive Board** - League officers elected by GPSA Representatives
- **GPSA Representatives** - One representative from each team
- **Committee Chairs** - Volunteers managing specific league functions

History

GPSA was founded in 1963 when several neighborhood pools and country clubs came together to create a competitive summer swim league. Over the decades, the league has evolved while maintaining its core

mission of providing quality youth swimming experiences.

Contact

For general league inquiries, please contact:

- **League President** - See [Contact Information](#)
 - **Your GPSA Representative** - Contact information available from your pool
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Next Steps:

- Read the [League Rules](#)