

Aquatic Parking Update Information

To: All aquatic groups that host practices/events at Ocasek Natatorium

Re: Parking on Campus

The University of Akron Student Recreation & Wellness Services Department is looking forward to the upcoming 2023-2024 swim season. Please let us know if there is anything we can assist with regarding planning practices and/or events for the upcoming season.

Prior to the start of the season, we wanted to let everyone know that there will be some changes with how parking is handled for practices and events starting this upcoming season. Recently, it was announced that The University of Akron has entered into an agreement with a third-party vendor (UAkronPark) to take over all parking operations on campus.

The aquatics program is working with UAkronPark as quickly as possible to identify what this means for parking throughout this upcoming season (and beyond). We will continue to update everyone as we learn more, but all teams should be aware of the following things:

1. The free Lot 1 parking pass will no longer exist. Anyone parking a vehicle on campus will need to purchase a valid permit through the online [iParg system](#). Passes will be available for purchase as follows:
 - a. Full year: valid from the date of purchase for one (1) year, this pass will allow you to park in lots surrounding the ONAT for team practices; total cost, \$180.
 - b. Monthly reoccurring charge: this option will charge your credit card on the 1st date of every month. There are no refunds or partial payments & you must opt out when done; total cost of \$15/month.
 - c. Similar to years past, Liann will forward a link for users to request access to the parking pass instructions. We will forward the link to representatives from each team, who can then forward the information to team as necessary.
2. Historically, parking during swim/dive meet events has been free for event participants. Initial conversations lead us to believe this will no longer be the case. It is unclear at this point exactly how parking fees will be assessed during events (whether via attendant in the lot or via machine), but we wanted to make everyone aware that by the time "meet season" commences a more formalized structure is expected to be in place.
3. All ticketing of parking lots will be handled by the third-party vendor, UAkronPark. ONAT aquatic staff will have no knowledge of when a citation was issued or what a violation was for. All questions about citations will be directed to representatives of [UAkronPark](#).

Team administrators should forward the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/PVdmXFngQV> to anyone wishing to purchase a parking pass. Once the form on the attached link is filled out, it will automatically forward instructions AND the Code needed to sign up for a parking pass.

There are still many questions regarding what these changes mean for parking while on campus and we understand that this type of change can be difficult. We appreciate everyone's patience as we work to figure out the path forward and we will always be here to assist as much as we are able. As more information becomes available, updated correspondence will be sent to all teams. As per usual, since we do not have contact information for everyone on your respective teams, we will send parking correspondence updates to the representatives we have on file for each team (typically 1 or 2 individuals). If you would like us to update our list of contacts for your team, we are happy to do so.

Thank you for your understanding, we wish all teams success as you prepare for the upcoming 2023-2024 season.