



NEW YORK SHARKS SWIM TEAM Family Name: _____

Contract for Participation

Page 1

This Contract describes the conditions for participation in the New York Sharks Swim Team program. Other requirements, guidance, and information are provided on the New York Sharks Swim Team Website (www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?team=msnys) and by the individual practice group coaches.

Normally, the New York Sharks swimming year is comprised of two competition programs: 1) training and competing in the short course (25 yard/meter pools) season and 2) the long course (50 meter pool) season.

REGISTRATION

Regular Registration

Registration is typically held in September. Since the New York Sharks is a competitive swim program sanctioned by USA Swimming, the coaching staff reserves the right to refuse to allow participation by swimmers based on ability and/or attitude.

Late Registration

Late Registration may be held for swimmers to join the New York Sharks on a space available basis and at the discretion of the Head Coach. With the addition of many new athletes this year, it is projected that registration will be full by September 10th 2010 for the year.

FEES: (The 2010-2011 Fees will remain the same as the previous year!)

There are three options for payment this year. First pay in full at time of registration, second pay monthly with SMP – schedule my payment, third pay by credit card. NYSA will not be billing this year for bi-annual payments.

Sibling Discount Fee \$200 per swimmer with a family with more than one swimmer on the team.

USA Swimming, Meet Escrow Account, and NYS Meet Volunteer Obligation Requirement Fee: These fees are due at registration.

- **INSURANCE - \$100** per swimmer for annual USA Swimming Registration fee and Metro Swimming (Insurance and access to USA Swimming website – not part of the registration fee – needs to be paid separately)
- **MEET ESCROW \$300** payment in full for National, Senior, Gold swimmer for swim meet entry fees (held in escrow). Once the escrow get below \$25, you will be billed for additional fees. If escrow accounts get in the red, swimmers will not be able to enter any more swim meets. There will not be reimbursement for funds not used. We highly suggest setting up an account with Schedule my payment and you will be billed on a per meet basis. This is the most cost effective and accurate way to handle meet escrow.
- **FUNDRAISING - \$200 (\$100 for Guppy Group families)** refundable post-dated check payable to the New York Sharks for family fundraising. There will be a minimum of 4 annual fundraisers per calendar year to meet your \$200/\$100 obligation. Post date the fundraising checks for June 1, 2011

The New York Sharks Board of Directors may assess Team members to cover unanticipated financial obligations, if any occur during the swim year. (This has never occurred in the history of the NY Sharks!)



NEW YORK SHARKS SWIM TEAM Family Name: _____

Contract for Participation

Page 2

A swimmer may become ineligible to participate in practice and in meets if fee payments are not received by the New York Sharks when due. Fees are not refundable for any reason including sickness or injury without the expressed resolution of the New York Sharks Board of Directors. In the event of a medical or financial emergency, the swimmer's parents or legal guardian are encouraged to contact the New York Sharks Board of Directors for consideration.

TEAM FUNDRAISING

The cost of running the New York Sharks Swim Team is not entirely covered by fees alone. Fundraising events are necessary for the Team to remain financially sound. If fundraisers are unsuccessful, additional assessments charged to each swimmer may be necessary. Each family will be obligated to raise \$200 per year. There will be four major fundraising events throughout the year for families to participate in. All families will submit a post dated check for \$200 for the 2010-2011 season and if fundraising has been completed by July 1st 2011 for the full \$200 amount the check will be returned. **Working at NYSA Hosted swim meets does not count towards fundraising for the year. Funds raised will go towards the purchase of outfitting and travel for coaches and swimmers reaching Junior/Senior Nationals, additional rental of pool time for summer use, coaches education classes, team equipment.**

Assistance at Team-Sponsored Swim Meets:

The New York Sharks Swim Team hosts six to seven swim meets per year (which are a significant source of revenue). These meets are USA Swimming sanctioned for swimmers in our region. Each meet is typically a two-day event with morning, afternoon, and late afternoon sessions. **Each family is required to work in support of the team efforts in at least ONE session for each of these New York Sharks hosted swim meets during the year, regardless if your child participates in the swim meet events.** This is not considered part of fundraising. When requests for assistance at New York Sharks sponsored swim meets are posted (either on the www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?team=msnys website, in e-mails, or posted on the bulletin board), it is each family's obligation to sign up for session(s) to work at least two weeks prior to the meet start date. The New York Sharks will keep track of the sessions that each family works. **Families failing to work at the New York Sharks sponsored swim meets for their required six session, will be billed at a rate of \$75 per session and up to 6 sessions per year. ALL FAMILIES MUST PARTICIPATE IN NYSA SPONSORED MEETS.**

* Please initial here indicating that you have read the financial obligations in the preceding paragraph: _____

Assistance at other Swim Meets:

Occasionally, the New York Sharks, as participants in swim meets sponsored by other teams, will request to have parents volunteer to help time during a session. We hope you will volunteer in support of the meet. Volunteering at a non-New York Sharks sponsored meet does not fulfill your obligations to New York Sharks sponsored meets as described in the preceding paragraph.

New York Sharks Registration Form:

The NYSA Registration Form must be filled out completely. Parents and Families must check off any volunteer jobs that you might be interested in working at.

SWIMMER PHYSICAL/MEDICAL RELEASE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL CONSENT FORMS

The New York Sharks Swim Team assumes no legal liability for the physical condition of participating swimmers. A completed physical/medical release form signed by both parent/legal guardian and the swimmer's physician must be returned to the Vice President of Membership of the New York Sharks Board of Directors no later than October 15th. Swimmers failing to submit the physical/medical release form will be suspended from the New York Sharks until the forms are submitted. The completed Emergency Medical Consent form signed by the parent/legal guardian must be submitted to the Head Coach prior to the swimmer's participation in the New York Sharks Swim Team program.



NEW YORK SHARKS SWIM TEAM Family Name: _____

Contract for Participation

LIABILITY WAIVER

A waiver releasing the New York Sharks Swim Team, NYSAQUATICS.INC its Board of Directors, officers, coaches, sponsors, and any other participant in the New York Sharks Swim Team and NYSAQUATICS INC. in connection with, directly or indirectly, the swimmer's participation in the New York Sharks programs must be signed. This waiver must be returned to the New York Sharks Board of Directors / Coach prior to the first day of practice.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Each swimmer and his/her parents/legal guardian are required to sign a separate Code of Conduct Agreement.

You agree as parent/legal guardian of the swimmers listed below to be solely responsible for damages to property or person, caused by the actions, inactions, vandalism, or willful misconduct of your swimmer(s). I have read and understand this Contract and I agree to abide by its terms and conditions in order for my swimmer(s) to participate in the New York Sharks Swim Team program.

Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Print Name

I am responsible for the following swimmers: (Print full name)

Swimmer #1: _____

Swimmer #2: _____

Swimmer #3: _____

Swimmer #4: _____