



**Terre Haute Torpedoes**  
**SCY Season 2019-2020**  
**Registration Packet**

Welcome to the Terre Haute Torpedoes Swim and Dive Club.

The Terre Haute Torpedoes (THT) is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that is a learn-to-swim, competitive age-group (18 & under) and US Masters (19 & over) swim club affiliated with Indiana Swimming and USA Swimming. We are also a competitive age-group dive club affiliated with Indiana Diving and USA Diving.

THT was incorporated in September 1997 as a result of the consolidation of the Terre Haute Area Swim Club (THAC) and the Wabash Valley Swim Club (WVSC). THT began with just over 60 members and has grown to over 250 members since its creation. Diving was added in January of 2019.

Swimmers of all ages are encouraged to participate with THT. THT practices and competes at the new Vigo County School Corporation Aquatics Center (VCSCAC). The pool is a 50 meter x 25 yard 10 lane pool with all the timing and scoring equipment for championship meets. It also boasts three 1-meter diving boards and one 3-meter diving board. THT is very grateful for the wonderful relationship that we enjoy with the Vigo County School Corporation (VCSC). The VCSC's continued support of THT's programs and their willingness to allow THT to utilize their facilities has been critical to the success of the club.

THT does a lot more than teach people how to swim or dive, and how to do so well. Through swimming and diving, our members learn healthy fitness habits and begin to build a strong foundation for a lifetime of good health. Swimming is considered the ideal activity for developing muscular and skeletal growth by many physicians and pediatricians. Why do doctors like swimming so much?

- ☑Swimming develops high quality **aerobic endurance**, the most important key to physical fitness. In other sports, an hour of practice may yield as little as 10 minutes of meaningful exercise. Swimming uses every precious minute of practice time developing fitness and teaching skills.
- ☑Swimming does a better job in **proportional muscular development** by using all of the body's major muscle groups. No other sport does as well!
- ☑Swimming enhances children's **natural flexibility** (at a time when they ordinarily begin to lose it) by exercising all of their major joints through a full range of motion.
- ☑Swimming helps develop superior coordination because it requires combinations of complex movements of all parts of the body, enhancing harmonious muscle function, grace, and fluidity of movement.

**Swimming is the most injury-free of all children's sports. Swimming is a sport that will bring kids fitness and enjoyment for life. Participants in Master's swimming programs are still training and racing well into their 80's.**

In the following pages of this registration packet, you will find a number of important documents, all of which need to be read thoroughly, and some of which you will need print, sign, and return on your first day of practice. The following pages/documents are required to start swimming with the Torpedoes:

**Page 17** – USA Swimming 2020 Athlete Registration Application - ***signed and returned***

**Pages 15 +16** – THT Policies Signature Pages – ***signed and returned***

A **copy** of your child(ren)'s **birth certificate(s)** will also need to be submitted.

For those wishing to be a part of the Diving team, the following steps need to be taken:

**USADiving.com** – You must register on the USA Diving website, and bring a printed copy of that registration to the dive coach.

**Pages 15 + 16** – THT Policies Signature Pages – ***signed and returned***

A **copy** of your child(ren)'s **birth certificate(s)** will also need to be submitted.

The documents listed above will need to be submitted once a year. A copy of your child(ren)'s birth certificate(s) only needs to be submitted one time.

If you have any questions about any of the documents included in this packet, please contact Head Coach Dave Breiding 812-841-2585 or [dave@terrehautetorpedoes.com](mailto:dave@terrehautetorpedoes.com)



The following is a list of FAQ's that we hope will help you. If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact our coaches or board members. Their contact information can be found on our website at [www.terrehautetorpedoes.com](http://www.terrehautetorpedoes.com).

**Question: What is the team philosophy?**

**Answer:** When a young person becomes a member of the Terre Haute Torpedoes Swim Club he/she learns the values of sportsmanship and teamwork. Swimming, through the Terre Haute Torpedoes, provides physical, emotional, and intellectual skills that will last a lifetime. The mission of the Terre Haute Torpedoes is to provide an opportunity for all club members to engage in a wholesome, lifesaving, lifetime sport and recreational activity. The Terre Haute Torpedoes promotes physical fitness and good patterns of physical development and encourages proper conditioning and healthy habits. The Terre Haute Torpedoes also provides opportunities for social, emotional and educational growth. The team philosophy is encompassed in the phrase:

**Train Hard Today; Be a Champion Tomorrow**

**Train Hard Today** suggests a focus on what is required in reality and the present moment. Working hard on the techniques and maintaining a willingness to learn with an open mind allows for greater personal success in the future. Every goal worth achieving requires personal sacrifice and commitment.

**Be a Champion Tomorrow** signifies the reward of future endeavors and a goal of personal accomplishment. Not everyone can be an Olympic gold medalist, but champions are defined by their own self-worth. We strive to build that self-image so that every athlete experiences the championship atmosphere.

**Question: How long are the seasons?**

**Answer:** Short Course season begins in September and ends in February. Some athletes will qualify for Championship meets that take place in March, but you can worry about that *if* and *when* it happens to your athlete. Long Course season begins in April and ends near August.

**Question: What is short course?**

**Answer:** Sometimes referred to as the first season, ranging from September to March. Short course refers to the pool. The competition pool in short course is 25 yards.

**Question: What group is my child in?**

**Answer:** When your child attends one of the "try-out" sessions, the coaches will assess their skill level and assign them to one of the groups. Membership to a specific group is defined by skill sets, stroke competency, and a number of other factors including age and ability to take instruction.

**Question: Do I have to register online?**

**Answer:** Yes, each swimmer must have an online account. If you do not have access to a computer, please let us know and we can help you register at the pool. Creating an online account is easy: go to the club website at [www.terrehautetorpedoes.com](http://www.terrehautetorpedoes.com), click on the "start registration" tab on the left side of the page, or the large "Register Now" button in the middle of the page, and follow the online instructions.

**Question: Do I have to use auto-pay online?**

**Answer:** All of our members use the online auto-pay feature, BUT, you *can* pay for the entire season with a check or online and receive a discount. However, even if you pay for the entire season by check, YOU MUST STILL use the online auto-pay feature to cover any and all of your meet fees.

**Question: How much are the monthly dues?**

**Answer:** Each group has a different pay structure.

The fee for this year for USA Swimming(9/1/19-12/31/20) is \$77.00 or \$20.00 for the Flex Membership. THT has an annual registration fee of \$100 for the first swimmer, \$75.00 for the second, and \$50.00 for every swimmer after this. The group member then pays their THT coaching fees each month, according to the group they belong to:

- Senior (Non-HS) swimmers - \$106 per month
- Senior Preseason or Senior SC Season - \$244 for the appropriate season.
- Gold swimmers - \$101 per month
- Silver swimmers - \$86 per month
- Bronze swimmers - \$76 per month
- Blue/Orange - \$56 per month

The annual fee for USA Diving is dependent on the diving group they are in:

- Gold diver – \$75
- Blue diver – \$20
- Beginner diver – \$12

The THT annual registration fee is \$50 in February and \$50 in June. The athlete’s THT monthly coaching fees are according to the group they belong to

- Beginner Diving - \$50 per month
- Blue Diving - \$75 per month
- Gold Diving - \$100 per month

**Question: How often is practice?**

**Answer:** All of the practice schedules are posted on the club website. They can be viewed and printed by clicking on the “Group Calendars” tab at the top of the page and then picking the group that your child belongs to from the dropdown menu. The calendars show the dates and times of each practice, as well as the locations for the practices.

**Question: What equipment does my child need for practices or meets?**

**Answer:** For our Blue, Orange, and Bronze groups, your child will need a swimsuit and goggles. A kickboard and training fins are also nice to have for these three groups. You can purchase this equipment from our team supplier. A link to their website can be found on the left side of the club’s home page. As your child progresses to the Silver and Gold groups, the coaches will let you know what equipment is required. Divers require a swimsuit and are encouraged to bring a towel to dry off with between dives.

**Question: Does my child have to swim/dive in swim/dive meets?**

**Answer:** Competition at meets provides an excellent yardstick by which the benefits of practice and hard work can be measured. While we strongly encourage all children to compete in our meets, especially at our home meets.

**Question: Does my child have to attend every practice?**

**Answer:** Of course we want to see your child at every practice, but we also understand that is not always possible. The coaches do take attendance at each practice, but practices are not mandatory. You do not need to notify a coach if your child will miss practice.

<b>Orange:</b>	2 days per week
<b>Blue:</b>	2-3 days per week
<b>Bronze:</b>	3-4 days per week
<b>Silver:</b>	4-5 days per week
<b>Gold:</b>	5-6 days per week
<b>Diving:</b>	2-3 days per week

**Question: My child hates swimming/diving! Now what do we do?**

**Answer:** If you have paid in full for the season and are requesting a refund, you will find our account credit policy on the club website. All requests for refunds must be in writing and are voted on at our monthly board meetings. Please send these requests to the Treasurer. You may email them to Alyson O'Rourke at [treasurer@terrehautetorpedoes.com](mailto:treasurer@terrehautetorpedoes.com), or mail them to PO Box 10022 Terre Haute, IN 47801

**Question: What is the texting system, and what is it used for?**

**Answer:** The texting system is a tool that allows the coaches to quickly contact a large number of people regarding important messages such as practice changes, meet updates etc. We request that all families enroll on the team website by clicking on the "Add SMS" button on their "Account Info" page and entering their cell phone information.

**Question: Do we pay to swim in swim meets?**

**Answer:** Swim meets are a type of fundraiser for the club. Dues and external fundraising do not cover the cost of running the organization. Your child is able to participate in different kinds of swim meets as a Terre Haute Torpedo. These include:

**Time Trials** – These are held in Terre Haute and are only attended by other THT swimmers. The total cost to participate in the Time Trial is \$8.00, regardless of how many events your child swims.

**Home meets** – Currently, THT hosts 2 larger meets during our short course season that teams from around Indiana and Illinois attend. Costs are surcharges of about \$8.00, and event costs of about \$4 per event.

**Away meets** -- The Torpedoes also compete at meets that are located in other cities, and are hosted by other swim clubs. The cost to swim in these meets is usually \$4 or \$5 dollars per event along with a \$5-15 surcharge to cover meet expenses.

**Championship meets** –Your child's coach will let you know if he/she qualifies for these meets. There will be an event charge and surcharge to attend these meets, similar to the charges for attending meets hosted by other swim clubs.

**Question: What is the Flex Membership, and is it right for me?**

**Answer:** The Flex Membership for USA Swim is a new option to save athletes a significant amount of money. Instead of \$77, the yearly membership is on \$20. There are limitations, however. This includes only being able to swim in two(2) meets for the entire year. Also, this membership *does not* allow any championship meets (Divisionals or higher). This option is GREAT for new swimmers. Previous Athletes are welcome to sign up for this new option, as upgrades are possible, with the additional \$57 payable at any time.



In the electronic age in which we live, every member of the Terre Haute Torpedoes Club, including coaches, parents, and athletes, needs to be aware of the far reaching effects of data posted to web sites, email, and other electronic mediums. This includes photos posted to web sites, text messages that contain inappropriate language or information that is private or confidential, blog sites, and messages posted to sites like Twitter, Facebook, Vine, etc. The content and intent of all electronic communications must adhere to the USA Swimming Code of Conduct regarding Athlete Protection.

The Terre Haute Torpedoes Social Media Policy is designed to:

1. Protect our THT family;
2. Raise awareness of acceptable and effective ways to use electronic communication tools when communicating;
3. Raise awareness of positive and negative outcomes that result from using these tools.

THT coaches and board members cannot monitor all of our members' social media accounts. What the THT coaching staff and board members *can and will do* is work to educate the parents, athletes, and membership on best social media practices.

We, as your coaches, do not want to have any team member's future or career jeopardized due to a careless or thoughtless impulsive action. We all recognize that the words and photos that we post on-line are there for everyone to read and view. We have seen the high price that people pay for careless mistakes and poor choices.

Before posting anything to the internet or texting to someone, we would like each Terre Haute Torpedoes member to ask themselves the following questions:

1. Would I send this message or photo to my parents?
2. Would I send it to my coach or teachers?
3. Would I send it to my religious leader or mentor?

**Key Ideas to Remember:**

Keep these few things in mind before hitting that share or send button:

1. Use Good Judgment:
  - a. Refrain from comments that can be interpreted as slurs, demeaning, inflammatory, etc. The Internet is full of varied opinions, and its okay to share yours, but beware of how others may interpret what you say.
  - b. Retweeting or "sharing" other's tweets make them look like yours, and imply that you support the information that is displayed.

2. Understand the Concept of Community:
  - a. The essence of community is the idea that it exists so that you can support others and they, in turn, can support you. You need to learn how to balance personal and professional information, and the important role that transparency plays in building a community. Your community shouldn't be an environment where competition is encouraged or emphasized, but rather a platform where your customers or users feel comfortable sharing, connecting, and receiving help.
  - b. There are many levels of community: THT, USA Swimming, swimming clubs, former athletes, coaches and the list can go on. Think about how messages can impact people within every community.
3. When in doubt, don't post. If you need to think about it, the safe action (and most likely correct) is to not share. Better safe than sorry.
4. What is posted now, can haunt you later:
  - a. As colleges and universities begin the recruiting process, many now do a social media check Will the schools find information they are pleased with and a person who they want to represent their team or will they be discouraged in what they see?
  - b. Are you easy to find? Make sure you use appropriate levels of privacy and protection.
5. Keep private information private. Be smart and safe about what you share. Do you really need to tell everyone your cell phone number, what time you leave for school every day, or where you live?
6. Never use social media to vent your frustrations or anger towards something or someone. When it doubt, talk it out. Speak with a parent, teacher, coach, anyone that you trust before expressing your feelings in a social media network.
7. NEVER post anything on a social media network when you are mad.

### **T.A.P.:**

Another guiding principle to always use in electronic communication would be to ask yourself, "Is this communication something that you and the Club would find acceptable in a face-to-face meeting?" With respect to electronic communications, a simple test that can be used in most cases is whether the electronic communication is **T**ransparent, **A**ccessible and **P**rofessional.

1. **Transparent:** All electronic communication between coaches, parents, and athletes should be transparent. Your communication should be clear and direct, free of hidden meanings and expectations.
2. **Accessible:** All electronic communication between coaches, parents, and athletes should be considered a matter of record and part of Club records. Whenever possible include another coach or parent in the communication so there is no question of the accessibility.
3. **Professional:** All electronic communication between coaches, parents, and athletes should be as a professional representing the Club. This includes word choices, tone, grammar, and subject matter that model the standards and integrity of a THT Club member.

If your communication meets all three of the **T.A.P.** criteria, then it is very likely that the methods of communicating that you are choosing are appropriate. If you cannot answer "yes" to all of the above questions, perhaps you should hit the "delete" button. Your future is too important to be affected by an action that is impulsive and rash.



In an effort to help each member attain a performance standard above reproach or criticism, the following is a list of rules in the use of electronic equipment:

**USE OF CAMERAS:**

Under no circumstances will cameras be allowed in locker rooms. If your cell phone has a camera device, it may never be used in a locker room. Taking photos in a locker room is strictly prohibited. Photos will be confiscated or deleted. No photos containing nudity or inappropriate expressions or hand signals of any Torpedoes members will be sent, forwarded or posted.

**USE OF CELL PHONES:**

At Practice: No cell phones will be allowed out of swim bags during practice without coach's permission to make or accept a call.

At Meets: Out of courtesy to fellow swimmers and teammates, all cell phones should either have the volume on "low" or on "vibrate". All devices containing music should be used only with headphones or ear buds/head phones before or after practice. They are not allowed to be worn during practice/dryland at any time.

**TEXT MESSAGES:**

The texting of inappropriate language, use of swear words and foul language, divulging of personal or private information of another member without their consent is inappropriate behavior.

**Consequences:**

Any violation of these rules, depending on the severity, will result in at a minimum of a verbal warning to a disciplinary meeting between the violator, parents and the coach. Consequences can range from a one week suspension from practice and meets, to the member being excluded from the swim meets and/or travel trips, or depending on the severity of the act, could result in suspension or termination from the Team. The consequence will ultimately will be decided by the Head Coach with input from the Torpedoes Executive Board of Directors. When a potential violation is discovered, and or reported, it will be investigated quickly and dealt with swiftly. Each case will be dealt with on a situational basis and consequences may not be equal to all, but they will be fair to all.

**Request to Discontinue All Electronic Communications:**

The parents or guardians of an athlete may request in writing that their child not be contacted by coaches through any form of electronic communication.

**Final Thoughts:**

Once it goes out, it doesn't come back. In an age where the Internet lasts forever, please remember once something is sent, it can very rarely be completely removed or retracted. Even if a comment, post, or tweet can be deleted, users can still remember what was said.



## Terre Haute Torpedoes

2019-2020

### Refund Policy

Accepted: September 2010

Revised: May 2013

Purpose: To provide information regarding the financial obligation for swimmers/family who join the Terre Haute Torpedoes (THT) Swim and Dive Club.

Policy: The Terre Haute Torpedoes Swim Club has a “no refund” policy for dues, fees, or volunteer obligations. Bookkeeping for the Treasurer and the management of the THT Swim Club finances are virtually impossible when there are refunds requested for missed weeks or when families do not notify the THT Swim Club of their departure from the THT Swim Club.

Procedure:

1. All club dues for the entire short course season or long course season are considered non-refundable unless they meet the criteria set forth in section 5.
2. All meet fees are non-refundable. (THT must pay all meet fees in advance, which are non-refundable.) Once a swimmer has signed up for a meet, they incur the obligation to pay for the meet. All home meets follow this same policy.
3. The amount paid for USA Swimming Membership is also non-refundable as USA Swimming has a no refund policy.
4. ***Job Signup obligations are non-refundable. The THT Club holds multiple meets each year in order to bring competition to Terre Haute and to raise funds for our club in order to keep the dues as low as possible. At the time of registration, the swimmer/diver/family incurs an obligation to volunteer at all hosted meets. THT Families are required to work a designated number of sessions (usually 3, sometimes more) at all THT hosted meets. This is part of your family's financial commitment for membership in the Torpedoes. It applies whether or not your child is swimming in the meet.***

***Failure to work the required number of sessions at a meet will result in a charge of \$100 per missed session. Charges are posted to member accounts the week after the home meet is hosted.***

**\*\*2019-2020 MEETS THAT WILL BE EXPECTED TO BE WORKED\*\***

Oct 25-27 THT Halloween Splash  
Feb 7-9 THT Arctic Blast  
Mar 6-8 SW Divisional Championships

5. Credits/reimbursements will only be given when one of the following applies:

A written medical absence from a physician for 1 month or more of practice is to be presented in writing to the Club Treasurer, who will forward the request to the club's Board of Directors. The request will be voted on at the next board meeting. (Board meetings are held monthly). Swimmers who have a physician verified extended injury or illness, requiring them to remain out of the pool for a minimum of 30 days are eligible for a reduction in training fees for the length of their injury/illness. Swimmers who present physician verified evidence of extended injury or illness may not train with the club until written medical release from a physician is received. Fee reduction cannot exceed the season total for coaching fees (which excludes USA Swimming membership fee). Fee reduction begins with receipt of physician statement and is NOT retroactive. For the duration of the extended injury or illness, the swimmer may not train with the club and may not participate in meets.

This policy does not apply to swimmers who may still swim, but who cannot participate in dryland or those who may still participate in dryland, but may not swim.

All other credit/reimbursement requests (i.e.: resignations, moving out of town, etc.) are to be presented in writing to the Club Treasurer, who will forward the request to the club's Board of Directors. The request will be voted on at the next board meeting. Fee reduction cannot exceed the season total for coaching fees (which excludes USA Swimming membership fee). Reimbursement eligibility begins with receipt of the credit/reimbursement request by the **Club Treasurer** and is NOT retroactive. No refund will be given for any part of a month (for example, a request received in October is only eligible for consideration of dues from November forward).

**The Club Treasurer can be reached by email ([treasurer@terrehautetorpedoes.com](mailto:treasurer@terrehautetorpedoes.com)) which is also found on the THT website.**



Each year, THT hosts 2 invitationals during the short course (fall/winter) season and 1 invitational during the long course (summer) season. Additionally, THT may also host closed invitationals, which are like invitationals but with a limited number of teams, or intrasquads which are smaller meets that are only open to THT swimmers. This season, THT will also host a championship meet (Divisionals).

These meets serve as fundraisers for THT and help to keep dues low. In order to run the meets, we need workers to fill several different positions. At the beginning of each season, the Torpedoes will have a meeting for new parents to present information about work sessions and the types of positions available.

The following is a list of guidelines on the job signup requirements. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Job Signup Coordinator, your group representative, or any of the THT board members.

1. All THT Families are expected to work a designated number of meet sessions (usually 3, sometimes more) at all THT hosted competitions. This is part of your family's financial commitment for membership in the Torpedoes. **It applies whether or not your child is swimming in the meet.**
2. If you are unavailable to fulfill your meet requirement, you may ask another responsible individual to work in your place. In order to receive credit, sign up for the slot that your replacement will work and add their name and contact info when prompted for "Optional Contact Info". If you are having trouble finding coverage, you may also contact individuals on the "For Hire" list located on the "Job Signup Info" section of the website.
3. You must work the entire session to receive credit. If you need to leave before you've been dismissed, you may do so only if you have arranged for a replacement. Do not leave your position without first being dismissed by your chairperson, the Meet Director, or the Meet Director's designee. ***Leaving early without being dismissed may result in being charged for the session.***
4. **Failure to work the required number of sessions at a meet will result in a charge of \$100 per missed session.** Charges are posted to member accounts the week after the home meet is hosted.
5. In the event that **ALL** job signup slots have been filled, accounts that have not fulfilled their job signup obligation for that meet will **not** be charged.
6. The Meet Director will determine the number of workers needed for each session of the meet. As a result, the number of required job slots per account for each meet will be listed on the details section of each meet listed on the "Events" section of the website.
7. Approximately two weeks prior to each THT home meet, signups will be opened on the Torpedoes website. Once the needed number of workers is reached for a particular job, or session, no more workers can sign up for that job.

8. If you want to work more than the required number of sessions, please contact the Job Signup Coordinator. This will help limit holding places for others and making the signup process as fair as possible.
9. If an emergency occurs, you are responsible for finding a replacement and contacting the Job Signup Coordinator to inform them of what is happening. The Job Signup Coordinator might be able to assist with finding individuals to help fill your slot, but the responsibility to fulfill your obligation is ultimate yours!
10. It is critical that all workers report on time. Therefore, if you arrive late, you run this risk of not receiving credit for that session. Please contact the Job Signup Coordinator if you have any questions on report times. It is important that all workers sign in when they arrive for their session in order to receive credit.
11. There are minimum age requirements for working at meets. These are listed under each job description beginning on page 6.
12. USA Swimming Guidelines as well as our insurance policies require that access to the pool deck be restricted to meet staff, coaches, athletes, officials, workers, and any other persons who have been specifically approved by the Meet Director during the course of the meet (including warmups). There are **no** exceptions to this rule.

The Meet Director has the authority, and responsibility, to make sure that each meet runs according to the rules and regulations of Indiana Swimming, Inc. and USA Swimming. Therefore, if you sign up to work a specific job during the meet, the Meet Director or his/her designee may reassign you to another job during your work session(s), depending upon the needs of the meet. We need your help to continue the Torpedoes tradition of offering outstanding meets

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## **USA SWIMMING CODE OF CONDUCT (EXCERPTED FROM 2015 USA SWIMMING RULE BOOK)**

**304.1** The mission of USA Swimming is to encourage participation and the pursuit of excellence in all aspects of swimming. USA Swimming grants the privilege of membership to individuals and organizations committed to that mission. The privilege of membership may, therefore, be withdrawn or denied by USA Swimming at any time where USA Swimming determines that a member or prospective member's conduct is inconsistent with the mission of the organization or the best interest of the sport and those who participate in it.

In order to assist all members to better serve the interests of those who participate in swimming, USA Swimming has adopted this Code of Conduct.

**304.2** Any member, former member, or prospective member of USA Swimming is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Review. Any member or prospective member of USA Swimming may be denied membership, censured, placed on probation, suspended for a definite or indefinite period of time with or without terms of probation, fined or expelled from USA Swimming if such member violates the provisions of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct, set forth in 304.3, or aids, abets or encourages another person to violate any of the provisions of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct. USA Swimming shall initiate an investigation of any former member of USA Swimming when a report required un 306.1 is received.

**304.3** The following shall be considered violations of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct:

- .1 Violation of the right to compete provisions set forth in Article 301.
- .2 Violation of the anti-doping provisions set forth in 303.3.
- .3 Discrimination in violation of any part of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations or the Amateur Sports Act which requires that USA Swimming must provide: "an equal opportunity to amateur athletes; coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials to participate in amateur athletic competition, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender, or national origin."
- .4 Violation of any of the Athlete Protection Policies set forth in Article 305
- .5 Violation of any of the Sexual Misconduct Reporting Requirements set forth in Article 306.
- .6 Conviction of, imposition of a deferred sentence for, or any plea of guilty or no contest at any time, past or present, or the existence of any pending charges, for (i) any felony, (ii) any offense involving use, possession, distribution or intent to distribute illegal drugs or sub-stances, (iii) any crime involving sexual misconduct, or (iv) any criminal offense against a minor.
- .7 Bullying is prohibited. For the purposes of the Code of Conduct, the term "Bullying" shall mean, regardless of when or where it may occur, the severe or repeated use by one or more USA Swimming members ("Members") of an oral, written, electronic or other technological expression, image, sound, data or intelligence of any nature (regardless of the method of transmission), or a physical act or gesture, or any combination thereof, directed at any other Member that to a reasonably objective person has the effect of: (i) causing physical or emotional harm to the other Member or damage to the other Member's property; (ii) placing the other Member in reasonable fear of harm to himself/herself or of damage to his/her property; (iii) creating a hostile environment for the other Member at any USA Swimming activity; (iv) infringing on the rights of the other Member at any USA Swimming activity; or (v) materially and substantially disrupting the training process or the orderly operation of any USA Swimming activity (which for the purposes of this section shall include, without limitation, practices, workouts and other events of a member club or LSC). Allegations of Bullying of an athlete by a coach shall be investigated under 304.3.13.
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  - A Any inappropriate sexual conduct or advance, or other inappropriate oral, written, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature directed towards an athlete by (i) a coach member or other non-athlete member, or (ii) any other adult participating in any capacity whatsoever in the activities of USA Swimming (whether such adult is a member or not).
  - B Any act of sexual harassment, including without limitation unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other inappropriate oral, written, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature in connection with or incidental to a USA Swimming-related activity by any person participating in the affairs or activities of USA Swimming (whether such person is a member or not) directed toward any member or other person participating in the affairs or activities of USA Swimming.

**304.3** The following shall be considered violations of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct:

- .9 The sale or distribution of illegal drugs or the illegal sale or distribution of any substance listed on FINA's recognized list of banned substances.
- .10 The use of illegal drugs in the presence of an athlete, by a coach, official, trainer, or a person who, in the context of swimming, is in a position of authority over, that athlete.
- .11 The providing of alcohol to an athlete by a coach, official, trainer, manager or any other person where the athlete is under the legal age allowed to consume or purchase alcohol in the state where the alcohol is provided.
- .12 The abuse of alcohol in the presence of an athlete under the age of 18, by a coach, official, trainer, or a person who, in the context of swimming, is in a position of authority over that athlete.
- .13 Abuse
  - A Physical abuse of an athlete by any person who, in the context of swimming, is in a position of authority over that athlete. "Physical abuse" is defined as a non-accidental injury and/or an injury primarily caused by the gross negligence on the part of the person in a position of authority over the athlete.
  - B Bullying of an athlete by a coach member or other non-athlete member who is in a position of authority over that athlete.
- .15 Any act of fraud, deception or dishonesty in connection with any USA Swimming-related activity.
- .16 Any non-consensual physical contact, obscene language or gesture, or other threatening language or conduct directed towards any meet official and which is related to any decision made by such official in connection with a USA Swimming sanctioned competition.
- .17 Action, other than through general advertising, by a coach, owner, officer, volunteer, representative, or employee of a swim club, or a USA Swimming or LSC employee, either through direct contact with an athlete or the encouragement of others, to recruit or otherwise encourage an athlete who is already a member of a USA Swimming member swim club to leave that club, unless the acting party receives prior written approval to recruit or encourage the athlete to change affiliation from the designated club representative of the athlete's existing USA Swimming-member swim club or contact is initiated by the athlete, the athlete's parent or authorized representative. General advertising includes any information that is:
  - A Distributed to an identifiable general population where there is a reasonable expectation that the majority of that population are not current members of USA Swimming, or
  - B Placed in or on any item that is sold.

In the event of a violation of this section, a sanction may be imposed against any coach, owner, officer, volunteer, representative or employee of a swim club, or against any such club, or any combination thereof, as appropriate.

- .18 Violation of any team misconduct rule as established by the USOC, USA Swimming, any Zone or LSC team authority.
- .19 Any other material and intentional act, conduct or omission not provided for above, which is detrimental to the image or reputation of USA Swimming, a LSC or the sport of swimming.



Each policy and requirement must be signed by each athlete (1 signature for each athlete in a family) and/or parent as necessary.

Your signature below indicates full understanding of and willingness to abide by THT Social Media Policy.

**Swimmer Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Your signature below indicates full understanding and willingness to abide by THT Refund Policy.

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Your signature below indicates full understanding of and willingness to abide by USA Swimming Athlete Code of Conduct.

**Swimmer Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



Your signature below indicates full understanding of the THT Broadcast/Image Authorization as listed below:

I hereby authorize and give my full consent to Terre Haute Torpedoes, Inc. to copyright and/or publish any and all photographs, video and/or broadcasts in which I appear while attending any Terre Haute Torpedoes, Inc. event. I further agree that Terre Haute Torpedoes, Inc. may transfer, use or cause to be used, photographs, video, or broadcasts for any exhibitions, public displays, publications, commercials, online streaming, art and advertising purposes, and television programs without limitations or reservation.

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Your signature below indicates full understanding of the THT job signup policy as listed above and below:

THT families are required to work a designated number of sessions at each regularly hosted competition. The specific requirement for each meet is posted on the event page of each meet. This includes any championship meets hosted by THT.

**A charge of \$100 per session will be billed to accounts that fail to meet their job signup requirements following the respective meet.**

***Job signup obligations are non-refundable. The THT Swim Club holds multiple meets each year in order to bring competition to Terre Haute and to raise funds for your Swim Club in order to keep the dues as low as possible. At the time of registration, the swimmer/family incurs an obligation to volunteer at all hosted meets. THT Families are required to work a designated number of sessions (usually 2, sometimes 3) at all THT hosted meets. This is part of your family's financial commitment for membership in the Torpedoes. It applies whether or not your child is swimming in the meet.***

**\*\*\*Failure to work the required number of sessions at a meet will result in a charge of \$100 per missed session. Charges are posted to member accounts the week after the home meet is hosted.**

**\*\*2019-2020 MEETS THAT WILL BE EXPECTED TO BE WORKED\*\***

- Oct 25-27 THT Halloween Splash
- Feb 7-9 THT Arctic Blast
- Mar 6-8 SW Divisional Championships

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



# USA SWIMMING

# 2020 ATHLETE REGISTRATION APPLICATION

## LSC: Indiana Swimming

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LEGAL FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH (MO/DAY/YR) \_\_\_\_\_ SEX (M/F) \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB CODE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME OF CLUB YOU REPRESENT \_\_\_\_\_

(Bill, Beth, Scooter, Liz, Bobby) If not affiliated with a club, enter "Unattached"

NOTE: If you are 18 years of age or older, you are required to abide by to the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy. In addition, in order to be a member in good standing you must complete the Athlete Protection Training. The training can be accessed at [www.usaswimming.org/apt](http://www.usaswimming.org/apt)

GUARDIAN #1 LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GUARDIAN #1 FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GUARDIAN #2 LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GUARDIAN #2 FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. CITIZEN:  YES  NO

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

AREA CODE \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF ANOTHER FINA FEDERATION?  YES  NO  
IF YES, WHICH FEDERATION: \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU REPRESENTED THAT FEDERATION AT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION?  YES  NO

**OPTIONAL**

**DISABILITY:**

A. Legally Blind or Visually Impaired

B. Deaf or Hard of Hearing

C. Physical Disability such as amputation, cerebral palsy, dwarfism, spinal injury, mobility impairment

D. Cognitive Disability such as severe learning disorder, autism

**RACE AND ETHNICITY (You may check up to two choices):**

Q. Black or African American

R. Asian

S. White

T. Hispanic or Latino

U. American Indian & Alaska Native

V. Some Other Race

W. Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander

Check if you would like to learn more about the USA Swimming Foundation's initiatives

Check if you would like to receive the electronic USA Swimming Newsletter (must be 13 years or older)

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS – Year of high school graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR LAST REGISTERED: \_\_\_\_\_. IF YOU REGISTERED WITH A DIFFERENT USA SWIMMING CLUB IN 2019, ENTER THAT CLUB CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ LSC CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ AND THE DATE OF YOUR LAST COMPETITION REPRESENTING THAT CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_.

**SIGN**  
**HERE** x \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF ATHLETE, PARENT OR GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

2020 REGISTRATION CATEGORIES (please select only 1)

	Membership Type	Valid	USA Swimming Fee	LSC Fee	Total Fee	Restrictions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Premium	9/1/2019 – 12/31/2020	\$62.00	\$15.00	<b>\$77.00</b>	None
<input type="checkbox"/>	Flex	9/1/2019 – 12/31/2020	\$10.00	\$10.00	<b>\$20.00</b>	No more than 2 sanctioned meets per registration year. Only for meets below Divisionals.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Outreach	9/1/2019 – 12/31/2020	\$5.00	None	<b>\$5.00</b>	Must meet eligibility criteria. See Outreach Application