



**Tigersharks Swim Club**  
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## Welcome to Fall/Winter Season

September 6, 2022 to February 24, 2023

**Fall Session Try-Out Days/ Registration Nights:** Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00pm to 7:00pm at the Dodge Middle School – Pool

**New Swimmer Online Fall Registration Window:** August 29<sup>h</sup> through November 11<sup>th</sup>

**Returning Swimmers Online Fall Registration Window:** August 15<sup>th</sup> through November 11<sup>th</sup>

**Fall Session:** Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> - December 2<sup>nd</sup>

**New Parent Meeting:** Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00PM (DMS – Choir Room)

**Annual Club Meeting:** Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM (DMS – Choir Room)

**Winter Session Try-Out Days/ Registration Nights:** Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 7:00pm at the Dodge Middle School – Pool

**New Swimmer Online Winter Registration Window:** November 28<sup>th</sup> through January 14<sup>th</sup>

**Returning Swimmers Online Winter Registration Window:** November 14<sup>th</sup> through January 14<sup>th</sup>

**Winter Session:** Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

**Home swim meets (volunteer requirement):** Nov. 19-20 (Thanksgiving Classic), Jan. 7-8 (Freezing Your Fins Off), and tentatively Feb. 4-5<sup>th</sup> (SAC Finals?).

### Requirements:

1. Complete the ONLINE Registration, which now includes credit card information. Due to the amount of late/unpaid swim fees, we are requiring that all online registrations have a credit card on file.
  - a. When you register you will be required to pay any unpaid dues or meet fees for the entire family that are outstanding from prior seasons. Swimmers with families with unpaid balances will not be allowed in the water until such outstanding fees are paid.
  - b. On the first of each month, your credit card will be billed for meet fees and the monthly swim fees, for those who select monthly payment.
  - c. If you have questions, please contact our team president at: [president@tigersharksswimclub.com](mailto:president@tigersharksswimclub.com).
2. **USA Swimming Registration:** All swimmers who have not already paid 2023 USA Swimming Annual Registration, will need to pay for the swimmer's **2023 USA Swimming Annual Registration (\$72.00-80.00)**. This membership is good until 12/31/2023.
  - a. **There will be a separate online registration from USA Swimming.** If you are unable to complete the online registration, this will be a fee that is billed to your account once we have

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submitted your USA-S registration for you.

- b. If transferring from another club, a transfer form must also be filled out and a \$5 transfer fee payment is required.
- c. Any family on free or reduced lunch only owes \$5.00 for their annual USA Swimming Registration, with proof of free or reduced lunch.

### 3. VOLUNTEERING:

- a. All families registered in the **Fall session** are required to work a minimum of **two shifts** at our **November 19-20, 2022 Thanksgiving Classic Meet**. A \$200 VOLUNTEER PAYMENT PER FAMILY WILL BE BILLED TO YOUR ACCOUNT BY DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> IF YOUR FAMILY HAS NOT MET THE VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENT. This will be charged to your credit card on January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- b. All families registered in the **Winter session** are required to work a minimum of **two shifts** at our **January 7-8, 2023 Freezing Your Fins Off Meet**. A \$200 VOLUNTEER PAYMENT PER FAMILY WILL BE BILLED TO YOUR ACCOUNT BY FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup> IF YOUR FAMILY HAS NOT MET THE VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENT. This will be charged to your credit card on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- c. Possible Home Meet: **February 4-5 SAC Finals (tentative)** will have shifts that need to be covered.
- d. There are ample volunteer shifts per meet. Your family may fulfill your **required** shifts by working (or having someone work for your family) any two volunteer shifts during the available shifts. Sign up for shifts will be available on the website, under the meets tab, on a first-come-first-serve basis during the registration window.
- e. **Bagging groceries** at Cub Foods in Rosemount on Dec. 3-4, 2022. There will be 2 shifts each day. There will be 8 volunteer slots for swimmers and 2 for adults each shift. The minimum age for a swimmer to volunteer is 10 years old.
- f. **Butter Braids:** In November we will have a butter braid sale. This is an easy fund raiser, as Butter Braids tend to sell themselves; you just need to let others know that you are selling them. There will be a December date announced to pick up your orders.
- g. If you would like to opt out of the volunteer requirement, you can elect to do so at the time of registration and pay the \$200.00.
- h. If you know that your family has a conflict with either of these weekends, please contact the Board of Directors ASAP at [board@tigersharksswimclub.com](mailto:board@tigersharksswimclub.com).

*We encourage any interested parents to become an official. We need lots of officials to host meets! We are looking for parents to advance into these officials positions: starter, meet ref, and admin official. Officials who cover shifts at hosted meets fulfill volunteer requirements.*

# Competitive Swim Team

We are a competitive swim team; this means that as a swimmer on the team you will be expected to attend swim meets. We want to bring a good representation of our team to away meets. With that in mind, swimmers will be required to attend at least **one home meet** and **one away meet** each session. Below is the tentative meet schedule. The bolded meets are swim meets all swimmers are required to attend. We know that the bolded weekends might not always work for a swimmer's family, so you are welcome to substitute a different meet, if needed.

## TENTATIVE Fall/Winter Swim Meet Schedule

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| Oct. 8-9          | BAC 12 & Under Invite (Bloomington)          |
| Oct. 22-23        | Invite (TBA)                                 |
| <b>Nov. 5-6</b>   | <b>STRM Invite (Prior Lake)</b>              |
| <b>Nov. 19-20</b> | <b>SHRK Thanksgiving Classic</b>             |
| Dec. 2-4          | Single Age State Meet                        |
| Dec. 3-4          | NOR Invite (Northfield)                      |
| Dec. 10-11        | BAC Invite (Bloomington)                     |
| <b>Jan. 7-8</b>   | <b>SHRK Freezing Your Fins Off</b>           |
| Jan. 14-15        | Meet (TBA)                                   |
| Jan. 28-29        | HAST IMX Invite (Hastings)                   |
| Feb. 4-5          | SHRK SAC Finals? (tentative)                 |
| <b>Feb. 11-12</b> | <b>PRNH Invite (Richfield)</b>               |
| Feb. 17-19        | RSC President's Day Meet (Rochester)         |
| Feb. 25-26        | TBA MAC Meet (<Silver Times only)            |
| Mar. 3-5          | TBA MRC (Silver - <CH times required)        |
| Mar. 9-12         | Age Group State in Rochester (CH required)   |
| Mar. 16-19        | Senior State Meet in Fargo, ND (CH required) |

Other meets may be added to the meet schedule. Some host teams and locations may change.

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# Equipment

Swimmers need different equipment based on the group they are on in. Here is the list of equipment needed for each group.

|                                | Novice Group | White Group | Teal/Indigo Group | Purple Group |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Kick Board                     | X            | X           | X                 | X            |
| Fins*                          | X            | X           | X                 | X            |
| Pull-buoy                      |              | X           | X                 | X            |
| Paddles                        |              |             |                   | X            |
| Equipment Bag                  | X            | X           | X                 | X            |
| Team Suit for Swim Meets       | X            | X           | X                 | X            |
| Team Warm-up+                  |              |             | X                 | X            |
| Team Swim Cap for Swim Meets** | X            | X           | X                 | X            |

**\*Fins should be short fins, not full length fins. This is so the swimmers can kick faster.**

**\*\*Team Caps can be purchased from coaches during practice. The coaches will bill your account, so there is no need to send cash. Caps are \$3 for latex and \$13 for silicone.**

**\*\*Team caps with names on them can be ordered on our website by September 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**+Team Warm-ups Jacket is STRONGLY encouraged for these groups. All other groups, team warm-ups jacket is optional. The warm-up pants are optional for all groups.**

All equipment can be purchased at <https://elsmoreswim.com/teams/minnesota/clubs/farmington-tigersharks.html>, the Tigersharks Team Store, through Elsmore Aquatic in Apple Valley. This link can always be found at the bottom of our website.

## Tigersharks Season T-Shirt

If you register for Fall session by September 15<sup>th</sup>, you will receive a Tigersharks Fall/Winter season t-shirt as part of your registration. If you register for Winter session by December 15<sup>th</sup>, you will receive a Tigersharks Fall/Winter season t-shirt as part of your registration. You will receive one shirt per Fall/Winter season.

Please make sure to include each swimmer's current shirt size when completing his or her registration.

**SAMPLE PRACTICE CALENDAR:** Please refer to the website at [www.tigersharksswimclub.com](http://www.tigersharksswimclub.com) for the actual practice dates/times/locations. Due to unforeseen conflicts, practice dates/times/locations may change with little notice. Email updates will be sent out when schedule changes occur, but please check the online calendar on a regular basis for up-to-date information. Here is a sample schedule.

| Monday        | Tuesday       | Wednesday     | Thursday      | Friday          | Saturday   | Expectations* |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|
| Novice 6-7pm  | Novice 6-7pm  | Novice 6-7pm  | Novice 6-7pm  |                 |            | 2-3/week      |
| White 6-7pm   | White 6-7pm   | White 6-7pm   | White 6-7pm   | White 6-7pm     |            | 3-4/week      |
| Teal 7-8:30pm | Teal 7-8:30pm | Teal 7-8:30pm | Teal 7-8:30pm | Teal 6-7:30pm   |            | 4-5/week      |
| Indigo 7-9pm  | Indigo 7-9pm  | Indigo 7-9pm  | Indigo 7-9pm  | Indigo 6-7:30pm | Indigo TBA | 4-5/week      |
| Purple 7-9pm  | Purple 7-9pm  | Purple 7-9pm  | Purple 7-9pm  | Purple 6-7:30pm | Purple TBA | 4-6/week      |

\*Expectations are not requirements. These are just the amount practices we hope to see each swimmer attend in a week. We know that there are other things happening in a swimmer’s life and sometimes they will not be able to attend as many practices during a week and that is perfectly acceptable.

## Fall/Winter Season Fees

### **Payment for the ENTIRE session/season is due at registration.**

1. All families are required to maintain a current credit card on file.
2. When you register, you will have two options of how you may **pay the full session registration**:
  - **Session Name – Up Front 1-Time Payment** is paying the amount in full upon registration.
  - **Session Name – Divided into Easy Monthly Payments** is splitting the full amount due into easy monthly payments. NOTE: you owe the entire session registration even if you cancel.

**All fees are non-refundable** with the exception of a medical consideration. If a swimmer is not able to swim due to a medical reason which prevents him/her from swimming for a period of two (2) or more consecutive weeks, then, upon request, a refund or credit will be considered by the board. **ALL** requests for refunds must be submitted *during the swim season in which they apply*. Request should be submitted in writing prior to a Board meeting, and may also be submitted in person at the Board meeting (second Monday of the month). Please submit your requests to [board@tigersharksswimclub.com](mailto:board@tigersharksswimclub.com).

**FEES:** Once a swimmer starts a session, payment is required through the end of that session. A swimmer that starts part way through a session is responsible for paying the total monthly fees for that current month through the end of the session (e.g. Purple group swimmer starts September 20<sup>th</sup> would pay total monthly fees for both month one and month two totaling \$410).

## Fall/Winter Registration Fees

| Training Group              | <b>Fall Session</b><br>Sept. 6 – Dec. 2 | <b>Winter Session</b><br>Dec. 5 – Feb. 24 | <b>Total for Two Sessions</b><br>(Fall & Winter) | Per Month |
|-----------------------------|---|---|--|-----------|
| <b>Novice</b>               | \$375                                   | \$375                                     | \$750  | \$125     |
| <b>White</b>                | \$450                                   | \$450                                     | \$900  | \$150     |
| <b>Teal (Formerly Blue)</b> | \$525                                   | \$525                                     | \$1050   | \$175     |
| <b>Indigo</b>               | \$570                                   | \$570                                     | \$1140   | \$190     |
| <b>Purple</b>               | \$615                                   | \$615                                     | \$1230   | \$205     |

**Family Discount:** Families with two or more swimmers who swim during the same session receive a 5% discount for each swimmer.

If your child moves to a different group from one session (Fall) to the next (Winter), there will be a change in the dues owed.