



**Tigersharks Swim Club**  
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## Welcome to Spring/Summer Season

April 10, 2023 to July 28, 2023

**Spring Try-Out Days/Registration Nights:** Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 7:00pm at the Dodge Middle School – Pool

**New Swimmer Online Spring Registration Window:** March 13<sup>th</sup> through May 12<sup>th</sup>

**Returning Swimmers Online Spring Registration Window:** March 13<sup>th</sup> through May 12<sup>th</sup>

**Spring Session Practice begins:** Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

**Parent Meeting:** Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00PM (location: Choir Room at DMS)

**Summer Session Try-Out Days/Registration Nights:** Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> & Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 7:00pm at the Dodge Middle School – Pool

**New Swimmer Online Summer Registration Window:** May 22<sup>nd</sup> through June 24<sup>th</sup>

**Returning Swimmers Online Summer Registration Window:** May 15<sup>th</sup> through June 24<sup>th</sup>

**Summer Session Practice begins:** Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

**Bloomington Outdoor practice begins:** Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

**Home swim meets (volunteer requirement):** May 13-14 (IM Tough Challenge)

### 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 Seasonal Registration (\$36 - \$40)**. This membership is good until 08/31/2023.

All members need to be USA Swimming registered for 2023. The way to register this season is through USA Swimming's website. All members will need to set up a new USA Swimming account. For swimmers under the age of 18, parents need to first set up a parent account and then set up their swimmer(s) under the parent account. The information below will hopefully help you be able to do this.

We have heard that this is not a smooth process, so please ask if you need help. We will do our best to answer your questions. New swimmers do not need a swimmer ID, as you will get one when you sign-up for USA Swimming registration. Returning swimmers, your swimmer ID number can be found by logging into your member area of our website. If you are not able to locate it, please let Dion know, [dion@tigersharksswimclub.com](mailto:dion@tigersharksswimclub.com).

**Set up account first:** Here's the link to the [Online Member Registration](#) to set up a parent or swimmer (18 years or older) account.

**Then, register your swimmer:** Tigershark link to the [2023 USA Swimming Registration](#). If you know you qualify for assistance (free and reduced lunch), please let Dion know and he will get you the link to be able to register at a reduced fee.

Here are the different [categories](#) for registering for USA Swimming. You should register for PREMIUM if you know that you are going to attend more than 2 meets throughout 2023. **DO NOT SIGN-UP FOR FLEX!** If you sign-up for the flex membership, you will have to upgrade to PREMIUM when you sign up for a third meet between now and the end of 2023.

For this year, MNSI is not having USA Swimming collect the LSC portion of the fees. Each swimmer will be billed the \$8/swimmer for the LSC fee. if you signed up for FLEX, the MNSI fee is \$10.

- a. If transferring from another club, a \$5 transfer fee payment will be billed to your account.
- b. 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 **Spring session** are required to work a minimum of **one shift** at our **May 13-14, 2023 IM Tough Challenge**. A \$200 VOLUNTEER PAYMENT PER FAMILY WILL BE CHARGED TO YOUR CREDIT CARD ON May 30<sup>th</sup> IF YOUR FAMILY HAS NOT MET THE VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENT.
- b. All families registered in the **Summer session** please plan on us hosting a meet June 17-18. More details about this meet will be coming soon. Also, the club will potentially host a fundraiser during the session. We ask that all registered families support this fundraiser and/or volunteer to make it a success. More details to follow.
- c. There are ample volunteer shifts per meet. Your family may fulfill your **required** shifts by working (or having someone work for your family) any 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.
- d. 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.
- e. If you know that your family has a conflict with the volunteer requirements, 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 official positions: starter, meet ref, and admin official. Officials who cover shifts at hosted meets fulfill volunteer requirements. If you*

are interested, please contact Derek DeWilde at [vicepresident@tigersharks.com](mailto:vicepresident@tigersharks.com).

**PRACTICE CALENDAR:** Please refer to the website at [www.tigersharksswimclub.com](http://www.tigersharksswimclub.com) for 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 Spring schedule. Practices are at Dodge Middle School.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Novice 6-7pm		Novice 6-7pm		Novice 6-7pm	
White 6-7pm		White 6-7pm		White 6-7pm	White 7:50-8:50am
Teal 6-7:30pm	Teal 3:50—5:20pm	Teal 6-7:30pm	Teal 3:50—5:20pm	Teal 6-7:30pm	
Indigo 4-6pm	Indigo 3:50-5:20pm	Indigo 4-6pm	Indigo 3:50-5:20pm	Indigo 4-6pm	Indigo 7:20-8:50am
Purple 4-6pm	Purple 3:50-5:20pm	Purple 4-6pm	Purple 3:50-5:20pm	Purple 4-6pm	Purple 7:20-8:50am

Here is a sample Summer schedule. Practices are at Dodge Middle School, unless specified.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Novice 3:15-4:15pm	Novice 3:15-4:15pm		Novice 3:15-4:15pm	
White 4:15-5:15pm	White 4:15-5:15pm	White 4:15-5:15pm	White 4:15-5:15pm	
Teal 3:45—5:15pm	Teal 3:45—5:15pm	Teal 3:45—5:15pm	Teal 3:45—5:15pm	
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## 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 Spring/Summer Swim Meet Schedule

Other meets may be added to the meet schedule.

Some host teams and locations may change.

<b>April 29-30</b>	<b>HAST IMX (Hastings)</b>
May 5-7	STRM Invite (U of M – 50 Meters)
<b>May 13-14</b>	<b>SHRK IM Tough Challenge</b>
May 20-21	TBD
June 2-4	PRHN (Richfield - 50 Meters)
June 17-18	TBA
<b>June 24-25</b>	<b>ASF (Austin – 50 Meters)</b>
July 7-9	Sioux Falls Invite (Sioux Falls, SD) (50 Meters)
July 8-9	BAC Invite (please try to attend the Sioux Falls Meet)
July 14-16	TBA MRC (MRC - <CH times required)
July 21-24	Senior State Meet at U of M (CH required)
July 27-30	Age Group State Meet at Rochester (CH required)

## Free T-Shirt

Each swimmer will receive a Spring/Summer Season shirt. To receive your Tigersharks season shirt you need to register by April 15<sup>th</sup> (Spring Session) or June 10<sup>th</sup> (Summer Season). Only one shirt will be given out each season.

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

## Equipment

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

	Novice Group	White Group	Teal Group	Indigo Group	Purple Group
Kick Board	X	X	X	X	X
Fins*	X	X	X	X	X
Pull-bouy		X	X	X	X
Paddles				X	X
Snorkel				X	X
Equipment Bag	X	X	X	X	X
Team Suit for Swim Meets	X	X	X	X	X
Team Warm-up+				X	X
Team Swim Cap for Swim Meets**	X	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 you do not need to send cash. Caps are \$3 for latex and \$13 for silicone.

+Team Warm-ups Jacket is **STRONGLY** encouraged for these group. 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.

# Spring/Summer 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 season 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 [president@tigersharksswimclub.com](mailto:president@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 April 20<sup>th</sup> would pay total monthly fees for both month one and month two totaling \$350).

<b>Spring/Summer Registration Fees</b>				
Training Group	<b>Spring Session Apr. 10 – June 4</b>	<b>Summer Session June 5 – July 28</b>	<b>Total for Two Sessions (Spring &amp; Summer)</b>	<b>Per Month</b>
<b>Novice</b>	\$250	\$250	\$500	\$125
<b>White</b>	\$300	\$300	\$600	\$150
<b>Teal</b>	\$350	\$350	\$700	\$175
<b>Indigo</b>	\$380	\$430	\$810	\$190 / \$215
<b>Purple</b>	\$410	\$460	\$870	\$205 / \$230
<b>Purple Spring Maintenance*</b>	\$205			

\*Swimmers signed up for Purple Spring Maintenance can swim a maximum of 2 times a week.

\*\* Swimmer in the Indigo & Purple Groups will have the option to attend up to 9 practices a week.

**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 (Spring) to the next (Summer), there will be a change in the dues owed.