



Dickinson Dolphins Swim Team

Mission: To promote character building and ethics for athletes while enhancing personal and social development.

Vision: "To Develop a Dynamic Swim Team"

Welcome to Splash Days with the Dickinson Dolphins Swim Team

"Try Swim Team for Free!"

Monday, October 28 - Wednesday, October 30, 2019, 6:30-7:30 pm

Parent Meeting for all new and returning swimmers Tuesday, November 5th at 6:15 pm at the WRCC in Community Room #1.

The Dolphins are a local swim club sanctioned by USA Swimming. Dickinson Dolphins Swim Team (DDST) is a parent driven, volunteer swim club and not a part of Dickinson Parks and Rec. Club swimming is a phenomenal way to improve a swimmer's strokes, endurance and strength while imparting a life-long confidence in the water.

Splash Days are a great way to find out what a swim team is all about and to meet the coaches and other swimmers. During Splash Days, new swimmers will try out for the team. They are evaluated by the coaches as to whether or not they are "ready" for the type of training involved on a competitive swim team.

Requirements for swimmers:

Swim Team is open to ages 5-18, who enjoy swimming and want to learn new skills and endurance. The essence of the program is personal improvement; achieving a personal best, while being part of a team.

Swimmers wishing to be a part of the swim team should meet the following requirements:

1. The swimmer must be equivalent to level three in swimming lessons and be able to swim 25 yards (one length in WRCC lap pool) without stopping.
2. The swimmer must be confident in water over his or her head.
3. The swimmer must be coachable.

Parent Involvement and Fees:

The three main pillars of support for the Dolphins are: coaching fees, fundraising and volunteering. DDST is a parent run club and all families are expected to contribute for a well-run program. Success depends upon everyone contributing in a variety of ways.

1) Fees - There are 4 basic costs involved with being on the Dickinson Dolphin Swim Team:

1. **USA Swimming Fees:**

- **Dolphins & Flippers:** A USA membership fee of **\$72** must be paid at the time of short course registration (This is good for the entire 2020 year, short course and long course).

- **Minnows:** A USA membership fee of **\$20** must be paid at the time of registration which is good for them to swim in only 2 swim meets, not including the State meet.

2. **Practice Fees:**

- **Dolphin** - \$100/month
- **Flipper** - \$80/month
- **Minnow** - \$60/month

There is a family discount for multiple swimmers from one family, \$50 off per additional swimmer at time of short course registration (for all swimmers joining Dolphins or Flippers, no discount for Minnows).

3. **Meet Fees:** Participating in meets require entry fees to be paid. **Participation in meets is optional** and fees are additional and assessed on a “per event” basis decided by the host club. The estimated cost per meet fee would be around **\$25 to \$40**.

4. **Raffle Requirement:** A deposit check or electronic charge verification (to be charged at the end of season) of \$200 if raffle requirement is not fulfilled.

2) Fundraising: Fundraising this season will include a raffle drawing and a Taco John’s DDST promotion night.

1. **Raffle Ticket Fundraiser:** Participation in the raffle is mandatory. All swimmers will be assigned two books of 10 raffle tickets to sell (\$10/ticket). Families with multiple swimmers will be assigned one additional book of tickets for each additional swimmer. Minnows are required to sell one book of tickets. Swimmers can sell as many books of tickets as they like and there will be an incentive for each additional booklet a swimmer sells.

- The first 2 booklet stubs and money are due by **January 4th** (our Winter Freeze meet).
- All additional booklet stubs and money due by **March 1st** (our Consolation meet).
- Raffle drawing will be the same day as our spring banquet, **April 2nd**.
- If raffle requirement is not fulfilled, the \$200 deposit check will be cashed or \$200 will be charged online.

2. **Taco John’s DDST promotion night:** Date is TBD.

- 50% of each purchase on our night from 5:00-7:00 pm will be given back to DDST.

3. **Swim-a-Thon:** We are going to move our Swim-a-Thon into our Long Course Season.

- All Short Course and Long Course athletes will be allowed to participate and fundraise.

3) Volunteering: All families are expected to volunteer and there is a point system set up for each volunteer activity you participate in. Each family is expected to earn 20 volunteer points in a calendar year (April-March).

1. **Volunteer opportunities:**

- Becoming a swim meet official or learning how to run the CTS system by becoming a CTS manager at home meets.

you are interested, please ask a board member – there will also be additional information available at the parent meeting and on our web-site.

- Serving on the DDST board or sub committees
- Working concessions and/or bringing food items for concessions
- Timing at meets.

Practice Schedule:

Short Course Regular Season - November 18th - March 2nd (Dickinson Consolation Meet).

- If your swimmer swims at swim meets and qualifies for the State meet or plans to swim at last chance meets in March they can practice on through March (the monthly fee would be charged according to the group they are in).
- Meets are not required to swim on swim team. We do encourage all swimmers to participate in our home meets.

Dolphins - Age Group 2, Age Group 3, Senior/National:

Monday-Friday

3:50-5:30 or 5:20-7:00

(Any swimmers in Age Group 2, 3, Senior or National can choose between the 2 time sessions.)

Dolphins - Age Group 1:

Monday-Thursday

5:35-7:00

Flippers 1 & 2:

Monday-Thursday

5:50-7:00

Minnows:

Tuesday AND Thursday ONLY

4:45-5:30

Parents will be informed after splash week of their swimmers group and time.

Swimmers do not need to be members of the WRCC to participate; however, if your swimmer would like to stay after practice for the indoor or outdoor pool, you will either need to be a member or pay for a pass.

Attendance at practice is optional; parents determine how many practices their swimmers will attend in a week. If you know that your swimmer will consistently miss practice on a particular day due to a regularly scheduled conflict, or if you plan to be out of town for an extended time (like for a family vacation), please let the coach know so we can staff accordingly.

Swim Meets:

The club participates in a variety of swim meets during the Season. Parents provide transportation and cover expenses for meet fees that their swimmers plan to participate in.

It is not a requirement for swimmers to attend any meets but it is a great opportunity to compete against swimmers of their same age group in a fun team environment!

Emails will be sent out with information about registration deadlines. Registration for each meet will be submitted through the Dickinson Dolphins website - www.DickinsonDolphin.com. Swimmers and parents determine individual events and cover the cost for each individual swimmer. If you'd like advice on what events your child should swim, our coaches are happy to talk with you and make recommendations. The coaches determine which swimmers will be assigned to relays and the club will cover the cost of relays.

Short Course Registration:

Registration will be online on our website, www.DickinsonDolphin.com. Swimmers will need to be registered before they are allowed to attend practice.

- Click on the "Short Course 2019-2020" button
- We will not be accepting any non-online/paper registrations.

Payments:

Only online payments will be accepted, credit/debit card or ACH withdrawals. No checks. Monthly payments and meet fees will be invoiced to your account and will be processed on the 1st of each month.

- 1) **Card Payments (Credit or Debit) processing fees** - \$0.30 + 2.95% per transaction
- 2) **ACH withdrawals** - \$1.25 per transaction

Communication:

Emails and text messages will be sent throughout the season. At registration, **PLEASE make sure to add your phone number in the SMS field along with your cell phone carrier to receive text alerts.**

DDST Website: www.DickinsonDolphin.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DickinsonDolphinSwimTeam>

"On Deck" App - An app that can be downloaded to your phone to receive Team Unify/Team updates.

ND Swimming Website: www.ndswimming.org

Suits and other swim supplies:

- One piece swimsuit for girls or jammer suit for boys
- 1-2 pairs of goggles
- All swimmers will be given a latex DDST swim cap. Silicone caps are available for purchase.

There are two sites you can use that will give you a discount or will give the club a kickback. See web-site for specifics on using these sites for discount. www.swimoutlet.com/ddst; www.keifer.com.

There will be an online store through Logo Magic where you can order DDST apparel. More info to come!

Each registered swimmer from all groups will receive a FREE DDST team t-shirt and a DDST swim cap! On your registration there will be a spot to fill out t-shirt size. Registrations for swimmers will need to be in by Monday, November 18th to ensure you are registered for the start of the season and to also have your t-shirt size registered so we can order your team t-shirt and have for team pictures!

- **Team pictures:** Tuesday, December 5th at 5:00pm

DDST Board of Directors:

Kate Mettler - President

Nicole Cloutier - Vice President

Sheri Twist - Secretary

Jessica Kruc - Treasurer

Jenna Wolf - Head Coach

Members at Large - Kendra Miller, Tiffanni Wax, Heather Hilty-Spaulling and Amanda Ellerkamp