

TAZ TIMES #2

EL DORADO HILLS SWIM TEAM

HEADLINES

SWIM FAST AGAINST COLLEGE GREENS!

COACH BRITTNEY'S BEAT

Hi TAZ Swimmers and Families,

WOWZER! What a Mock Meet, that was a lot of Fun! We are so proud of you, and know that many of you swam events that you may have been nervous to swim, but everyone tried their best and did awesome. Parents, please do not be alarmed if your swimmer was DQ'd. We expect this at Mock Meet and will use the feedback to help us focus on the areas that swimmers need to improve upon.

The Coaches had an amazing time at Mock Meet and are excited for this Saturday's first official dual meet against College Greens.

Last week some Taz Czarians were recognized for standing out as Swimmer's of the week. They received swim caps with TAZ CZAR on them. What does this mean? They have amazing spirit, dedication, effort, attitude, energy, sportsmanship and most of all, never stop trying to do their best.

***Kayden Guinn** ***Jayden Do** ***Abby Austerman** ***Ellie Crook**

Reminder for the Swim Meets: Coaching staff is looking for swimmers with outstanding sportsmanship, team spirit, and cheering on their fellow teammates.

Don't forget to meet up with your Big/Lil Buddy.
If you were unable to make it to the Buddy Night and still would like to be a big/little buddy, please let us know and we will forward it to our Buddy coordinators!

This week we are focusing on the following:

- *Turns
- *Breaststroke
- *Butterfly

AKALAKA-CHING!!

COACH BRITT

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CALENDAR

- 5/18: EDH TAZ vs College Greens Dual Meet
Swimmer Check-in: 6:30 - 7:00am
No LATE CHECK-INS
- 5/25: MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND - NO MEET
- 5/26: LAST DAY day to sign in/out of
GRANITE BAY MEET
bit.ly/GRANITEBAY19

SWIM SPIRIT

HONORABLE TAZ

Honorable TAZ is back! When you see swimmers doing amazing things - sportsmanship, helping a teammate, working hard or having a great attitude - please let us know. Nomination forms will be in the blue box located at the information table in the team area at home and away meets. You can also email nominations to the Spirit Committee (Sam DeLeon) or PM TAZ on Facebook. Recipients will receive a prize the following week at practice!

HONORABLE TAZ VOLUNTEER

We could not run this swim team without the incredible help of our parents and extended community. We would like to acknowledge the adult volunteers who give their time and energy to this team with a TAZ TIMES SHOUT OUT and small token of our appreciation.

This week we are honoring the following for their incredible effort at Mock Meet:

MELISSA GRIFFIN

Please email your nominations to Laura Buehler by 5pm on Sundays.



PERSONAL BEST

Every time a TAZ swimmer hits their personal best, they get to ring the TAZ Spirit Bell! Make sure to stop by the Spirit Tent at each swim meet to ring the bell, sign the Personal Best Banner and spin the Spirit Wheel for a special prize.

We encourage all of our swimmers to try their best each week and will be recognizing swimmers throughout the season for their hard work.

TAZ MASCOT PHOTO OPP

Our lovable TAZ Mascot will be taking photos with swimmers on Saturday morning near our Ready Bench area from 7:00 - 7:30am! Make sure you stop by to have your photo snapped with TAZ!



We have a fantastic team photographer this year, Susannah Gill, who will be snapping photos of swimmers throughout the season. Photos will be available at our team Shutterfly site, www.edhtaz.shutterfly.com. Password gotaz

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

PRACTICE TIME CHANGE!

Please note the new practice times for May 13 - May 31st.

3:30 - 4:45pm	11 and up
4:45 - 5:15pm	6Unders
5:15 - 6:15pm	7/8s
6:15 - 7:15pm	9/10s

If you have any questions about the practice schedule, please contact Head Coach Brittney.



Don't forget to find and like us on Instagram and Facebook! We love seeing and sharing your photos so tag us #edhtaz #taz2019 #gotaz.

PRACTICE & MEETS

READY BENCH

Thank you for your patience at Ready Bench at Mock Meet. A few reminders that will help keep your Saturday running smooth.

1. Ready bench check-in is for all swimmers 10 & Under, both individual and relay events.
2. For the first two home meets, we will check-in, but not seat, 11/12 age group to ensure they know their H/L assignments. All swimmers 13 & Older should go straight to the blocks.
3. Please listen for the age group call out. Additionally, please check the scoreboard for the event in progress. Do not rely on the "time" of when an event should be taking place.
4. Please send/drop your swimmer off at ready bench with their cap & goggles in place. Our volunteers will check swimmers in and make sure they get to their race.
5. Only coaches and volunteers should be in the ready bench area. We will take care of your swimmers, even the crying and upset ones!

If you have any questions, please contact Erin Walsh at erin.walsh@edhtaz.org

MEET SIGN-IN/OUT & EVENT SELECTION

Every family is responsible for signing their swimmer(s) in or out of a meet by the assigned deadline the Sunday one week prior to the meet. **LATE ENTRIES ARE NOT POSSIBLE.**

Families are responsible for selecting the individual events their swimmer(s) will compete in at the swim meet.

Each swimmer may select three individual races (short or long free, not both) to compete in. Relays are determined by the coaching staff. Coaches have final approval on all selections and may move swimmers around to maximize points as needed.

Information about how to select events is posted in the Team Handbook and meet sign-up email sent out weekly. Please review carefully. If you have questions about which events your swimmer(s) should compete in, please contact Head Coach Brittney at brittney.cicchetti@edhtaz.org.

RELAYS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Saturday will be the first meet of the season with official, seeded relays. Please do not leave the swim meet until you've confirmed your swimmer has not been assigned to a relay team or placed as an alternate. Relays can change unexpectedly on meet day so please ask Head Coach Brittney before leaving or if you're unsure. In the event of a last-minute illness or emergency on the day of the meet, please inform the Head Coach or a Deck Coach ASAP. If a coach is not notified, the swimmer will not be eligible for a relay spot the following meet.

In the event that a relay swimmer is late to ready bench check-in, that swimmer will be pulled from the relay and the alternate will swim in their spot. Once an alternate is placed, the original swimmer has lost their relay spot. This means the coaches will NOT pull alternate swimmers from the block if the original relay swimmer comes running up to swim.

If you have questions about relays, please contact Coach Brittney.

REMINDERS

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Our parent and family volunteers are essential to running a successful swim team. We cannot run swim meets, team events or this incredible community without the tireless help of hundreds of volunteers.

All families must complete a minimum of 12 volunteer hours for the 2019 dual meet season. Families must complete the 12 volunteer hours and swim in at least three dual meets to earn priority registration for the 2020 season.

Families are required to fulfill their volunteer hours regardless of the number of meets in which their children swim. There are separate volunteer hours for Champs.

Opportunities for volunteer hours will come from weekly meets, team fundraising and social events, team operations and more. If you believe completing the 12 volunteer hours will be a problem, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Laura Buehler, early in the season for assistance.

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions, please ask! Board Members are on deck at practices and at swim meets, easily identifiable by our coordinating Board shirts.

We are available to help! We encourage all families to LIKE us on Facebook and FOLLOW us on Instagram as we try to share information and posts frequently about the team. The edhtaz.org website is a great place for all TAZ information including the calendar of meets, practice schedule, contact information and so much more.

GO TAZ!



As part of our ongoing fundraising program, TAZ is introducing FlipGive, a team fundraising platform that earns the team money through purchases made by anyone that is part of our TAZ FlipGive team.

It's free. Simple to sign up. And you can earn TAZ cash back on things you purchase using the FlipGive app or website - we get paid a small percentage whenever you shop online with hundreds of popular brands.

Click the link below to learn more about TAZ FlipGiving and start raising money today!

<https://www.flipgive.com/teams/167902-tasmanian-devils-swim-team-taz#content>

The logo for Snackbar, written in a pink, cursive font with a pink underline.

The TAZ snack bar is open for business at every home meet!
We serve breakfast, lunch and a variety of snack items.
Hot coffee, hot chocolate, cold water & soda, and sno-cones.

100% of the proceeds from the snack bar are donated back to the team to fund a variety of initiatives, including the Sandy and Mick Malaney Scholarship Program for graduating seniors.

Thank you Malaney Family for sponsoring the 2019 snack bar!

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