

# Welcome to TMST's 2020 Season!

We're glad to have you as a member of the Tipp Monroe Swim Team. This handbook is designed to provide some basic information and help you understand and enjoy the season.

## **GOAL**

The primary goal of our team is to have as many swimmers compete at each meet as possible while maintaining a competitive team. Prior to each meet, swimmers will be evaluated on their performance, attendance, and willingness to compete for the benefit of the team. As a member, you can expect to improve your swimming skills, enjoy better physical fitness, meet others that share your enthusiasm for swimming and have fun! All 8 and unders will swim at least one event at a meet and all others will swim at least two events at a meet

## **BASIC MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

Membership is open to any swimmers 18 yrs of age or under (with the exception of graduating seniors who may be older). Each child under the age of 12 must be able to swim one length of the pool unaided to compete\*. Each child 12 and older must be able to swim two lengths of the pool in at least one competition stroke unaided in order to compete. Competition age groups are determined by the age of the swimmer as of May 31st of the year of registration.

\*For our first-year swimmers we ask that you bring a good attitude and the ability to swim at least one lap of the pool unaided at the end of our four weeks of indoor practices. If this is your first year swimming and you are not sure of your ability, these practices are a great way to assess this risk-free.

## **OUR COACHES**

**Head Coach** – Samantha Williams

### **Age Group Coaches**

8 and under – TBD

9 – 10 age group – TBD

11 – 12 age group – TBD

13 and over – TBD

## **BOARD MEMBERS**

President Christine Bathgate

Vice President Emily Culver

Secretary Lauren Vore

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## REGISTRATION and FEES

Paperwork and fees must be submitted together. Online registration will be accepted through May 25<sup>th</sup>. There are no refunds for registration fees to **non**-first year swimmers.

**Registration fees** for the 2020 season are as follows:

\$100 for the first child in your family

\$160 for a family with two swimmers

\$190 for a family with three or more swimmers.

**Pool Pass.** Every swimmer **must** also have a pool pass to the Tipp City Pool. The pool pass can be obtained through the pool or at the administrative offices of Tipp City. A swim team only pass is also available if a full membership is not purchased. **The swim team does not obtain pool passes for you.**

[tippcityohio.gov/250/Swimming-Pool-Passes](http://tippcityohio.gov/250/Swimming-Pool-Passes)

## TEAM SUITS

To promote a unified team spirit, coordinated swimsuits are available for purchase. This year, the suit will be provided by Kelly's Poco Loco, who will be present at the YMCA indoor practice in **May**. This will ensure that all registrations are in and Kelly's Poco Loco then guarantees 80 – 90% of swimmers will take home their suit rather than having to wait on orders.

## ATTENDANCE

Swimmers are encouraged to attend at ALL practices. This insures improvement of form, technique and endurance. Commitment to practice also shows the coaches the intent of the swimmer to be a competitive swimmer. Coaches are helped in this way by noting improvement in individuals. The coaches are to be notified via email or by phone of vacations, illness, or other conflicting activities. Practices are used by the coaches to determine the swimmer's readiness to compete in a meet and are essential. **The coaches and board members are not responsible for teaching a child how to swim.**

We understand that many of our swimmers are involved in other summer activities and sports! We can work with your swimmer, so they can participate.

## STROKES

Butterfly, Freestyle, Breaststroke and Backstroke. It is not necessary for a swimmer to know all of the four basic strokes. However, the member must be able to swim one length of the pool if 12 years or under and two lengths of the pool if over 12 in order to participate in a meet. Failure to meet these minimum requirements doesn't prevent a child from being on the team and attending practice, but it does prevent the child from participating in a meet. [With the exception of the 8 and under age group at the beginning of a season.]

## REQUIREMENT TO VOLUNTEER

Tipp Monroe Swim Team, Inc. is a volunteer run organization. The activities of the team cannot be conducted without the additional support of parents. Parents are expected to work a minimum of **four** positions. **You must sign up for your assignment when you register on the team's website**

<https://tippmonroeswimteam.swimtopia.com>

If you are unable to work your assignment, you are responsible for finding a replacement.

**If your child swims in the Championship meet, you will be assigned a volunteer position at Championships, even if you have already met your position requirement.**

Volunteer assignments for the meets are:

**Announcer** – This position requires someone comfortable on a microphone! You will be announcing current and upcoming races as well as general announcements throughout the meet.

**Assistant Scorer** – Responsible for organizing timer sheets and inputting data into the computer.

**BullPen** – This is our "child wrangling" job! You will round up and organize swimmers and send them to the clerk of course

**Clerk of Course** – This individual will make sure swimmers are lined up in order for their events.

**Clerk of Course Assistant** – Take swimmers to the starting blocks.

**Ribbon Writer** – You will organize timer sheets, place labels on ribbons and place ribbons in family folders.

**Runner** – Collects timer sheets and disqualification slips and brings them to the ribbon writing table. Will also bring water to timers and officials.

**Starter** – Prepares swimmers for and starts each event. Operates the starting system and keeps the meet moving. (Additional training is necessary if you do not have experience.)

**Stroke and Turn Official** – Ensure the rules relating to the style of swim designated for the event are observed. (Additional training is necessary if you do not have experience.)

**Timer** – Operate stop watch and record times for swimmers.

## **RIBBONS**

Ribbons are given to every 10 and under participant unless the swimmer is disqualified!

## **INJURIES**

Because we are a small volunteer, nonprofit organization, we are not responsible for injuries during practice, or at swim meets. Your family insurance should cover your child. A waiver must be signed on behalf of each swimmer. The team's liability policy **does not** cover injuries to the swimmer.

## **PRE-SEASON SWIM PRACTICE**

The Troy YMCA has been rented for swim conditioning. It is located on 25-A just north of Tipp City. In order to be more competitive and to get a jump on the season the pool will be available on Tuesday and Thursday this year. Practice at the YMCA begins May 7<sup>th</sup> and ends on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

## PRACTICE SCHEDULE

**Indoor Practices** Tuesdays/Thursdays, May 7 – May 30, Troy YMCA  
10 and under: 7:30 – 8:30, 11 and older: 8:30 – 9:30

**Outdoor Practices** Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays June 3 – July 20,  
Tipp Aquatic Center  
8 and under and 9 – 10: 7:00 – 8:00 pm  
11 – 12: 8:00 – 9:00 pm  
13 – 14 and 15 – 18: 9:00 – 10:00 pm

Practice times  
subject to change  
per coach.

## CHAMPIONSHIP MEET

The 5-C's Swim League Meet is conducted at the END of the swim season. TWO swimmers per event are chosen to compete. Swimmers must have competed in at least TWO regular (league) swim meets in order to qualify for championships. Swimmers are selected based on overall season performance.

## MEET SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 11 6:30 pm HOME vs Bellefontaine (**WARM UP TIMES ARE PRIOR TO MEET START**)

Saturday, June 20, 8:30 am AWAY @ Troy

Thursday, June 25, 6:30 pm HOME vs Versailles

Tuesday, June 30 6:30 pm HOME vs Minster

Thursday, July 9, 6:30 pm AWAY @ Botkins

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Saturday, July 18 8:00 am **5 C's Championships at Troy**

**If you are swimming with us this season, please make every effort to be available to swim in the Championship meet. While we cannot swim every member of our team, we want to be competitive at Championships.**

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Team Photos** – Pictures are taken once we start practicing at the Tipp Aquatic Center. Pictures will be June 13 at the pool. More details and order forms to come.

**Parent Meeting**- A parent meeting will be scheduled in May at the Troy YMCA.

## MEET INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Here's a little information on how the bullpen and Clerk of Course areas need to operate in order for our swim meets to move smoothly.

We need all swimmers ages 12 and under to remain in the bullpen area. Parents, have your swimmers spread out their towels or a blanket with some friends. It's important that they be able hear the bullpen workers call the events and be there when the volunteers are lining them up and sending them to the Clerk of Course for their events.

Help your young swimmers be aware of when their events take place, and how much time they have between them. The bullpen workers will do their best to make sure that all swimmers hear the call for the events. The workers will not leave the bullpen area to look for a swimmer.

If a swimmer is not found before the event is sent to Clerk of Course, then it's the swimmer's responsibility to find his or her way there. (We will usually send one of the other swimmers looking for a missing swimmer, if there is time.)

Swimmers 13 and up, please check in with a bullpen worker before the meet starts, so we know that all the swimmers in the age group are there for the meet.

Once you've checked in, you are free to sit outside of the bullpen area and listen to the announcer call the events and report to the Clerk of Course on your own. We will call your events in the bullpen, but we will not line up the older groups.

Swimmers 13 and up will report to the Clerk of Course and receive their event cards. Only swimmers 12 and under will be seated by the Clerk.



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