

# Welcome to TMST's 2021 Season!

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

## **GOAL:**

The 2021 season may look different than previous years due to restrictions set forth by the Covid-19 pandemic. The primary goal of our team this year is to have swimmers compete at each meet 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!

## **PARTICIPATION 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 12 and under must be able to swim one length of the pool unaided to compete. Each child 13 and older must be able to swim two lengths of the pool in at least one competition stroke unaided to compete. Covid-19 restrictions may not allow extra coaching to help in the water, so there will not be someone in the water to help new swimmers. For this reason, we ask that you adhere to our request that your swimmer be able to swim the entire length of the pool unassisted. Competition age groups are determined by the age of the swimmer as of May 31st of the year of registration.

## **COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS:**

Please do a self-health check prior to arriving to practice. Please do not attend practice if you are showing any symptoms of Covid-19. Masks are recommended while at the pool, but not while swimming. Arrive for practice ready to swim.

## **REGISTRATION & FEES:**

Paperwork and fees must be submitted together. Online registration will be accepted through May 31<sup>st</sup>. No registrations accepted after May 31<sup>st</sup>. There are no refunds for registration fees to **non**-first year swimmers.

**Registration fees** for the 2021 season are as follows:

\$40 for all swimmers through May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Swim Team Pass.** Every swimmer **must** have a swim team pass to the Tipp City Aquatic Center. The swim team pass can be obtained at the administrative offices of Tipp City, or the Tipp City Aquatic Center and will cost \$30 per swimmer. A seasons pass to the Tipp City Aquatic Center will not be accepted for swim team practice entry. **The swim team does not obtain swim team passes for you..**

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

## **COACHING STAFF:**

Erin Gutman, Kyle Eilerman, Simone King, & Ben Prenger

## **PRACTICE SCHEDULE:**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	June 1 – July 15	Tipp Aquatic Center
8 & Under & 9 – 10	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	
11 – 12 & 13 & Up	8:00 pm – 9:00 pm	

This is the time the swimmer is to be in the water. Please plan on arriving 5-10 minutes early to ensure your swimmer is ready to go. We need to make the most of our practice time and want swimmers in the water as much as possible.

\*subject to change due to age group numbers

\*\*Subject to change based on weather

## **MEET SCHEDULE:**

Thursday, June 10, 6:30 pm HOME vs Bellefontaine **(WARM UP TIMES ARE PRIOR TO MEET START)**

Saturday, June 19, 8:30 am AWAY @ Troy

Thursday, June 24, 6:30 pm HOME vs Versailles

Thursday, July 1, 6:30 pm HOME vs Minster

Tuesday, July 6, 6:30 pm AWAY @ Botkins

## **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.

Saturday, July 17, 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.**

## **STROKES:**

Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, and Butterfly. It is not necessary for a swimmer to know all of the four basic strokes. However, the swimmer must be able to swim one length of the pool if 12 years or under and two lengths of the pool if 13 years or over 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 may prevent the child from participating in a meet.

## **TEAM SUITS & EQUIPMENT:**

Due to Covid-19 and the late start to the season, TMST will not be ordering swim team suits for the 2021 season. Any previous season swim team suit is accepted as well as any competitive suit from another organization or retail store. TMST swim team suits are generally red and black and you can order from several retailers if you wish to purchase one. All swimmers must wear a competitive suit for all swim meets. Goggles and swim caps are highly encouraged as well. TMST has swim caps available for purchase. If you have your own swim equipment (kick board and/or pull buoy) please bring with you.

## **ATTENDANCE :**

Swimmers are encouraged to attend 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. Attendance at every meet is not required. You can RSVP yes or no to swim meets so coaches will know who is and is not available. We can work with your swimmer so they can participate.

## **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.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**Team Photos** – Monday June 14 @ Tipp City Pool. Order forms in family mailboxes, individual pictures start at 6:45, team photo at 7:30.

**End of Season Celebration** - More details and information to come.

**TMST Apparel:** <https://torpedos.itemorder.com/sale> Store closes Friday, June 4 and items will be delivered during practice.

## **TMST BOARD MEMBERS:**

President	Christine Bathgate
Vice President	Emily Culver
Secretary	Lauren Vore
Treasurer	OPEN
Communication	Brandon Ellis
Advisor	Kim Prenger
Website	<a href="http://tippmonroeswimteam.swimtopia.com">tippmonroeswimteam.swimtopia.com</a>
Facebook	<a href="https://facebook.com/TippMonroeSwimTeam">facebook.com/TippMonroeSwimTeam</a>
Email	<a href="mailto:tippmonroeswimteam@gmail.com">tippmonroeswimteam@gmail.com</a>
Remind	@tippswim

## **VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS:**

TMST is a volunteer run organization. The activities of the team cannot be conducted without the additional support of parents. Parent(s) will be expected to work if your child is participating in a meet. You will sign up to work when you RSVP for the meet. Volunteering to assist with the swim meet is a great way to see your child(ren) swim as well as helping the team.

**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. (2 timers required per lane.)

## **MEET INFORMATION FOR PARENTS:**

This is 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 is important that they be able to 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 of Course.

