

Riverchase Country Club Swim Team

Summer 2018

NEWS!

- Coach Hailey will be returning this summer as our 2018 coach!
- A NEW division, Tadpoles, will be open to ages 3-5**. Tadpoles will learn personal water safety and swim skills but are *not* required to participate in swim meets.
- 2018 registration will be an online process through Team Unify. Team Unify is a secure web-based swim team management platform. All swimmer (meet) confirmations, parent communication, calendar and volunteer job sign-up will be through the RCC Swim Team Unify site. The link and registration page will be open through May 30.
 - **RCC Member Cost: \$200**
 - **Sibling Discounts: 2nd child, \$100, 3rd child \$50**
 - **RRA (non-cub) Member Cost: \$300**
 - **Non-Club Sibling Discount: 2nd Child \$150, 3rd child \$75**
- Swimsuit orders will also be online this year through our long-time vendor, Agon Swim. To save everyone on shipping/sorting costs, the online marketplace will be open from April 15 through April 22. At the end of the 7-day marketplace, the orders will be sorted and shipped, all at once and delivered for pickup to the club. You may still order after these dates but will pay the regular sorting and shipping costs.
- All swim families (excluding Tadpoles) will be required to volunteer a minimum of 2 shifts over the season.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 9 through May 30

Online Registration Open via Team Unify

New Team Members: Contact RCC Reception at 205-988-4140

Past Team Members: Link will be emailed once live

Sunday, April 15 from 3 p.m. to 5 pm.

Riverchase Country Club, Harbert Room

Swim Team Kickoff Meeting, Swimsuit Consignment Sale/Swap & Swimsuit Sizing

April 15 through April 22

Agon Swim Online Marketplace for Swimsuit Orders

Link will be provided via Email/Team Unify and at the Kickoff Meeting

Tuesday, May 29

First Practice!

Tentative Practice Schedule

For the start of the season, Coach Hailey has placed everyone in a division based on age. She will move swimmers up based on performance and ability

**5 year olds may be placed in Tadpole OR Guppies based on ability

Monday through Friday

Tadpoles (age 3-5): 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.

Guppies (age 5-8): 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Dolphins (age 9-10): 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Sharks (age 11-18): 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

*Coach Hailey will be announcing the times and dates for afternoon/evening practices at a later date
No practices during the week of 4th of July.*

Volunteer Opportunities

Families are asked to volunteer at least 2 shifts over the season. Volunteer requests/sign-ups will be emailed. Below are brief descriptions of various jobs.

Announcer: Required for home meets. The announcer calls swimmers to clerk of course, makes special announcements, provides scoring updates, etc. An event timeline is provided and the announcer lets swimmers know when it's time to line up and where to report.

Clerk of Course: The Clerk of Course helps get the swimmers lined up for their events. Clerk of Course calls out the swimmers names, passes out deck cards and arranges the swimmers into heats.

Computer Support: All final swim times for each event and each swimmer are entered into TeamUnify software. This job also includes printing ribbon information. 1 experienced designated volunteer and 2 assistants are ideal for this job.

Head Timers: Head timers carry the extra watches in case a lane has a problem with a watch. The Head timer starts their watches when the starter horn sounds and looks out at the timers for a raised hand. A timer that raises their hand has a watch failure. The head timer will switch watches with the lane timer.

Heat Ribbon Runners: A heat ribbon is passed out to every heat winner. Whoever touches the wall first gets a ribbon. This job requires a person handing a ribbon to swimmer as they get out of the pool. This job can be very rewarding as young swimmers are especially excited!

Results Runner: This job entails picking up cards from the recorders after each heat and delivering them to the scoring table. The runners may work with the official to collect DQ slips before bringing the cards to scoring.

Timers: 6 (ideally 12) timers are required to run a meet. Timers stand on the deck and run a stopwatch. After each heat, the timers write the results on their slips, reset their watch, and wait for the next heat to start their watch again.

Officials: Positions (referee/starter/stroke & turn) must be certified under USA Swimming. Training classes are available through JSSC. That information will be shared when available.

Shark Volunteers: Coach Hailey will be announcing opportunities for our older Shark swimmers to assist with the younger swimmers throughout the season and at meets.

For all questions and more information, call (205) 988-4140.