

Dear Sharks' Families,

It's certainly been a difficult year for Sharks. We've had pool access issues as the Friendswood ISD natatorium and Clear Springs are closed for maintenance, we've had several coaching changes, and we continue to search for our new head coach. I also know many if not all of our families have been impacted by Hurricane Beryl, and that has also complicated our pool situation. I know all of these issues have required patience and flexibility.

I'd just like to say THANK YOU for your understanding and your continued support of Sharks. As I say almost every year, we can't make the team run without the hard work of all of our members, especially our volunteers who go above and beyond. In the coming year, we are bidding to host an additional swim meet. We understand this puts stress on you to fill all of the volunteer positions, but I do want you to know how important these meets are to Sharks. Hosting meets allows our swimmers to have an opportunity to swim in competition in their own pool. It also allows us the opportunity for other teams to swim competitively. Finally, and critically, it provides a significant revenue stream for the Club. Our hosted meets account for 10% to 15% of our total annual revenue. This allows us to do more things and keep our fees as low as possible.

Also this year, I'd like to thank our current coaching staff, especially Coach Kate and Coach Tim. They have stepped in and gone way above and beyond while we search for a new head coach. We have hired a recruiter to help us find a new head coach, so the Board hopes we have more to share on that front soon.

Registration for our competitive, Masters & Swim Fit Fall & Winter 1 groups are now open for returning members. New members will be able to register beginning July 26. When registering your swimmer(s) please register them in their current group, until group moves are announced. You will be asked to read and sign all waivers. We will keep a COVID policy in place for now, in alignment with whatever Friendswood ISD uses. Since we are swimming in an FISD facility, our COVID policy must match theirs. Please read through all of the agreements; modifications have been made. You need to read all of the agreements before continuing. They contain important information that will help you understand our policies and help us have a successful year.

We are a nonprofit organization and the board does its best to be financially responsible. Unfortunately, last year we were not able to host a couple of meets resulting in lost income and incurred additional facility rental expenses due to issues at the FHS and Clear Springs pools. For these reasons and increased costs, we have increased our monthly and annual training fees. USA Swimming has allowed us to renew your swimmer's USA Registration Fee. We have included the USA Swimming registration fee in Sharks' registration. Our fundraising obligation will remain the same as last year, as will our required number of volunteer hours. (See below). Our groups will remain fundamentally the same for the coming year, with slight changes to our Swim Fit sessions. We are moving from three sessions in the short course season to four sessions. This more evenly balances the length of all sessions, and provides those families with a little more flexibility.

We have been in touch with FISD, and we are still on track to get back into the natatorium as we begin our season in August. Swimmers will return to the pool on a transitional basis beginning in late August. There are no training fees assessed for August, except for Masters, but will resume in September with your fundraising obligation, if applicable, for the 2024-2025 swim year.

Please Note our Administrator will be out of town and will not be responding to emails or calls until she returns July 30th.

Once again, THANK YOU for your continued support of Sharks. We look forward to another great year!

GO SHARKS!

## **SHARKS SWIM CLUB Registration and Training fees Fundraising and Service Obligation**

### **FUNDRAISING**

The annual family fundraising fee of \$200 will be invoiced to accounts on August 31 for payment on September 1 for all families with swimmers in Discovery Advance & Up. See policy on web site for details.

### **SERVICE HOUR OBLIGATIONS**

See the policy on the website for details

Training Group	Short Course(Aug-March)	Long Course(April-July)
All Groups (except Senior 1, Discovery Advance 1 & 2, Pre-Team, and Swim Fit)	15 hours	10 hours
Senior 1, Discovery Advanced 1 & 2	8 hours	5 hours
Discovery Pre-Team & Swim Fit Groups	Only if your swimmer attends meets and the family is assigned a job position	

**Registration/ Monthly Training Fees/Annual Training Fees  
2024-2025 Swim Year (Aug 2024-July 2025)**

Annual training fees for the following training groups and multiple swimmers monthly training fee discounts are available. For Annual training fees, you must contact our Registrar: [registrar@sharks-swim-club.org](mailto:registrar@sharks-swim-club.org) prior to August 30, 2024.

Training Group	Sharks' Registration Fee per swimmer	Monthly Training Fee	Annual Training Fees
Senior Performance	\$225	\$235	\$2,326.50
Senior 3	\$225	\$210	\$2,079.00
Senior 2	\$225	\$195	\$1,930.50
Senior 1	\$225	\$170	\$1,683.00
Challenge	\$225	\$175	\$1,732.50
Exploratory Advance 2	\$225	\$170	\$1,683.00
Exploratory Advance 1	\$225	\$165	\$1,633.50
Exploratory	\$225	\$160	\$1,584.00
Discovery Advance 1 & 2	\$200	\$130	\$1,287.00
Discovery-Pre Team 1 & 2	\$100	\$120	none

**Swim Fit Training Groups**-No Fundraising Requirement. Service Hours are not required **unless** your swimmer participates in a swim meet. Volunteer positions may be assigned and failure to show will incur a fine.

**USA Swimming Membership - Swim Fit**

Please note there will be an additional charge for the USA Swimming Membership fee. This fee varies on age and how long in the year you participate. The administrator will email you to discuss the best option for your swimmer.

Premium-\$100 13 & over

Seasonal- \$60 13 & over (150 days or less within a year)

Flex-\$30 12 & under

**Swim Fit Discounts:**

Discount for siblings is 5% for 2nd swimmer; 10% for additional swimmers for each session.

Multiple Sessions: If your swimmer(s) swims more than one session from Fall, Winter I, Winter II, or Spring, you will receive a \$15 discount on additional sessions within the swim year.. If you have more than one swimmer you must contact the administrator to receive all discounts.

New this year- Bronze, Silver or Gold swim cap for returning swimmers, for 2nd, 3rd, or 4th sessions respectively

**SWIM FIT SESSIONS**

<b>Fall Session</b>	September 9 - November 1 8-week program	\$290 plus USA Membership
<b>Winter I Session</b>	November 4 - January 17 8-week program (excluding holidays)	\$290 plus USA Membership
<b>Winter II Session</b>	January 21 - March 14 8-week program (Excluding MLK 1/20)	\$290 plus USA Membership
<b>Spring Session</b>	March 24 - May 1 6-week program	\$290 plus USA Membership
<b>Summer Squad</b>	May 12- July 25 11-week program (Excluding July 4th)	\$295 plus USA Membership

**Masters Training Groups**-Our Masters group allows for Coach-directed training for adult swimmers that may choose to swim for fitness or competitions with USMS or triathlon clubs.

Current USMS Membership is required in addition to the Sharks registration [HERE](#)

*USMS is offering two great membership options:*

1. [Join](#) at \$70 - membership expires on Dec. 31, 2024
2. [Join](#) at \$115 - membership expires on Dec. 31, 2025 (Save \$25!)

<b>MASTERS</b>		
<b>Monthly Member</b>	\$25 Annual Registration	\$90 Monthly
<b>Punch Card Member</b>	\$25 Annual Registration	\$120 for 12 visit punch card

To register for the competitive groups [HERE](#)

To register for Swim Fit groups [HERE](#)

To register for Masters [HERE](#)