



Dolphin Lane Lines!

Round Rock Dolphin Swim Team

<https://rrdolphins.swimtopia.com>

Swim Schedule

MAY'S PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Practice Times All Swimmers (M-Th)

6 & under	4:30 – 5:00 PM
7/8	5:00 – 5:45 PM
9/10, 11/12	5:45 – 6:30 PM
13+	6:30 – 7:15 PM

MAY UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ **5/29**
Home Meet vs. Stingrays
@ Micki Krebsbach Pool
- ◆ **5/31**
Memorial Day
NO PRACTICE
- ◆ **6/1**
Morning Practice begins
(See details in Coach's
Corner of this issue)

DOLPHINS ROCK!



Coach's Corner

Hi Dolphins,

Welcome to the 2021 Season. It has been great seeing all of the swimmers at practice, both old and new. It's hard to believe how much so many of our Dolphins have grown over the past two years. It has been a pleasure as well meeting all of our new swimmers.

As our first meet is coming up, a few notes about signing your swimmers up:

- Please make sure you declare your swimmer as "Attending" and then select up to three events for them. Three is a max. If they can't do three then two or one is fine. **Please make sure to hit the save button after declaring!**
- Please ask your swimmer before signing them up for their events to verify that they know, or at least are working on a certain stroke. We highly encourage swimmers to try new strokes as they learn them, but not in throwing them in an event they have never practiced before.
- Please mark your availability for relays. Coaches will determine relays after that point. In some instances a swimmer may not be on a relay even if they put "available". Sometimes there are not four swimmers to create a new relay.
- I realize that many of our Dolphins are still involved in other sports so if you know that you will not be around for either the beginning or end of the meet, please select events that match up with the times you will be there - especially for relays.

Morning Practice Times - starting June 1st

- 13 and Up 7-8 AM
- 7-12 Year Olds - Choice - 8-8:45 or 8:45-9:30. Choice sheets will be available at practice Thurs 5/20 - Thurs 5/27. Instructions will be provided.
- 6 and Under 9:30-10:00

Please remind your swimmers that have been out of the water for a good length of time that it takes at least a few weeks to get back in swimming shape. I know sometimes that is a frustrating process but before long they will feel comfortable and confident. We have already seen great strides with a lot of our swimmers and we are looking forward to seeing even more as the season progresses.

Please feel free to email me anytime with questions about practice, meets, or anything in between.

Hip-Zoo, Rah-Zoo,
Coach Tom

From the IT Crowd

This year the Round Rock Dolphins and the entire Northwest Swim Circuit are migrating to a new swim meet software from Swimtopia. Not only is this a better software than what we were using, it enables us to run Virtual Meets in the circuit, enabling all teams to participate. There are a couple of critical items for all team members to note:

1. Team Push Notifications: The "Swimtopia App" is the new phone app you should download if you don't already have it. It allows the team to send push notifications to all members and is the new method that we will be using to send team updates (for example if practice is canceled due to weather). Please download this app. The Remind app is no longer available to the Dolphins as a free service so we will not be using that anymore.
2. Follow the Meet: In order to follow the meet on your phone you will need to use that same Swimtopia App. The free version allows you to see your swimmer's events, the jobs you signed up for at the meet, as well as in real time shows you what event the meet is on. The premium subscription version (\$2.99/month or \$9.99/year) allows for upcoming event reminders for your child, allows you to favorite your swimmers, shows real time results including team points earned, heat sheets, and some other items. No more missing your child's event because the meet is running 30 min. ahead. This version's features are very similar to Meet Mobile's versions. The new meet software does not support the Meet Mobile app. If you only used Meet Mobile for Dolphins meets, you may want to consider cancelling your subscription. I'll have more info on the app in a future post.

Link to the App Description on Swimtopia <https://www.swimtopia.com/tour/swimtopia-mobile-app/>

IOS Link: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/swimtopia/id881521...>

Google Play Store Link: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com...>

Please bear with us as we work through the initial kinks of using a new software, but overall I'm very excited about this migration as I think it will create smoother, faster and more accurate meets, with better information available to parents.

Looking forward to our first meet in a few weeks,

Bryce Stacer

Computer Systems - Round Rock Dolphins Board Member

Merchandise Announcement

Next week is a big week for merchandise! Please be on the lookout for another D&J Sports visit AND for information regarding merchandise distribution.

An email will be sent out with details regarding both.

As always, if you have any questions please be sure to reach out! (amt2137@yahoo.com)

GO DOLPHINS!!"

Thank you,
Amanda Turner

Just to get you hyped up for the meet on 5/29, here's a list of goodies we'll be selling the day of to keep your energy up!

Concessions Menu

Food

Tacos \$2
Donuts \$2
Muffins \$1
Chick-fil-a sandwich \$5

Drinks

BLACK ROCK drip coffee \$1
Sodas (Coke, Diet Coke, Dr. Pepper, Diet DP, Sprite) \$1
Gatorade (various flavors) \$2
Water \$1

Sides/Sweets

Candy \$1
Chips \$1
Watermelon \$1 per slice

Healthy Hub will also be onsite offering a variety of energy teas for sale

*Concessions accepts credit cards!! There will be a \$0.25 fee per transaction.

SOURCES OF TEAM COMMUNICATIONS

The four main sources of Dolphin Team communications are the team website, email, the new SwimTopia app, and the "family file". Each family will have a folder sorted by last name in one of the two large plastic bins on a table, "the family file." The location will most likely be an accessible location for parents in the waiting area (TBD). Miscellaneous communications and weekly meet ribbons will frequently be added to your file. In addition, you may place information and items in the file of the board members, coaches, or other families. Everyone is STRONGLY encouraged to check his or her family file regularly.

Email will be used to send out a link to the weekly newsletters and for the occasional important, but non-emergency, announcements.

A new all-in-one communication tool we will be using this year is the SwimTopia app. It links up with the Dolphins SwimTopia site and you will use the same login as you do to access the Dolphin site. The basic app is free to use, however if you would like real time access for events, times, and team scores at meets, there is a yearly access fee similar to apps like Meet Mobile and Meet Bop. This app will be used to distribute push notifications, and give up to the minute info in the event of practice cancellations due to weather, etc.

Bad Weather and Swim Practice

As we all know, here in Central Texas, the weather can be very unpredictable. And since swimming and bad weather do not mix; we may need to cancel practice. If practice is cancelled, we will post the cancellation on the website. We will also send out a push notification via the SwimTopia mobile app. Please check before heading to practice if the weather is bad.



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AquaTex Swim Team & Waterpolo Club
Black Rock Coffee
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Healthy Hub
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