



Dolphin Lane Lines!

Round Rock Dolphin Swim Team

<https://rrdolphins.swimtopia.com>

JUNE PRACTICE SCHEDULE (begins June 1) Practice Times All Swimmers (M - F)

13 & up	7:00 – 8:00 am
7-12 yr old	8:00 – 8:45 am
OR	
7-12 yr old	8:45 – 9:30 am
6 & under	9:30 – 10 am

MAY/JUNE UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ 5/29
Stingrays @ RR Dolphins
- ◆ 5/31
Memorial Day
NO PRACTICE
- ◆ 6/1
Morning Practice begins
- ◆ 6/5
Tidal Waves @ RR Dolphins
- ◆ 6/12
RR Dolphins @ Aquadillos
(virtual @ Micki)
- ◆ 6/19
RR Dolphins @ BCC
Sharks (virtual @ Micki)
- ◆ 6/19
SAVE THE DATE!!
Mid-Summer Night
Scream, 6 pm
- ◆ 6/26
Anderson Mill @ RR Dolphins

DOLPHINS ROCK!



Coach's Corner

Dolphins,

It is almost summer and with that comes our first meet of the season! I am so excited to see our swimmers in action this weekend after two years away from the pool. As with many other things this year, our meets might take a little bit of tweaking and adjusting until we get everything just right. I appreciate the patience and help that many of you have shown in making sure our season is successful. If you ever have questions along the way, the best thing to do is ask either myself or a Board Member.

I have seen a lot of progress in our swimmers over the past few weeks and I think many of our Dolphins that have been able to attend on a regular basis are getting their swimming arms and legs back. If you have questions about your swimmer and what they are able to do for meets, please email me. Although they may not be in my lane, I can get feedback from their coach and let you know. We do encourage swimmers to try all the strokes that they have been working on, but we do not want to sign a swimmer up for something they have yet to learn. Remember that all we ask of our Dolphin Swimmers is to try their best, support their teammates and show good sportsmanship to our opponents. Again, I can't wait for the meet and seeing what the Dolphins can do this weekend!

While I remember - If your younger swimmer is complaining about their goggles and getting water in them all the time, I highly recommend the TYR Swimple Goggles. I have found these to be the best for younger swimmers as far as fit and comfort go.

Happy last week of school (for many of you)! We are looking forward to the start of summer and all of our practices and meets ahead of us. As the weather begins to warm up, don't forget to stay hydrated and wear that sunscreen.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Go Dolphins!

Coach Tom

Meet Director's Desk

Howdy,

I cannot tell you how excited we are to be BACK! Now I know the meets are going to look different, but I will make 1 promise: Our kids will get to compete! Now we are going to have to make some changes, but I am looking at it as an opportunity to try some different things. Some things we will like, and you will see them in seasons to come, some things we will be happy to rid ourselves of, but this is a unique opportunity to try out some different configurations and flow to maximize competitiveness and flow of the meet. Please do not hesitate to talk with Brady, Coach Tom, or myself about the experience of the meets so that we can do the best for our kids.

Your Meet Director,

Harry Schultze

Spectators

Yes, spectators will be allowed in the pool during the meet. Please enter through the main gate and remember that masks are required to enter the pool deck. The spectating area is the west side of the pool, or the area between the bathrooms as soon as you enter the pool. It will be standing room only. Most of the main parking lot will be cordoned off for spectators to put up tents. The area outside of the pool is mask optional, please be considerate of our friends since we do not all have the same health situation.

Pits

We will have pits, but will have more area for the kids to spread out in. Masks are required in the pits, unless actively eating or drinking. Our kids need to enter the gate at the north end of the pool. You will check in your children at the gate and the pit parents will direct the kids to the right tent. Parents will not be allowed into the pool area to drop off. Please let your kids know that the tent arrangement will be completely different than in years past. We also recognize that not everyone's situation is the same. If you need to keep your children with you in between events, that is fine. Please know that the parents will then be responsible for getting the kids back to the check-in table at the north gate at first call for their event. I would also recommend that you exchange phone numbers with the pit parents for your age group.

Here is how the morning will go:

Kids staying in the pits:

- Parents will drop off their children at the north gate, there will be pit parents there to direct them to their pit area. Pit parents will check-in the kids and get them ready for their first event.
- At first call pit parents will line up the kids and take them to the ready bench for their swim
- When each child is called into the ready bench, they can remove their mask and put it into the age group holder (clear shoe organizer). Pit parents can take the organizer with them or leave it hanging on the wall by the ready bench.
- The ready bench will be socially distanced, and the kids will move through the ready bench like previous years.
- Your child swims, when they get out of the pool, they should head to the age group holder retrieve their mask and return to their pit.
- Repeat as needed!

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Kids staying with their parents:

- Parents will drop off their children at the north gate, there will be pit parents there to direct them to their pit area. Pit parents will check in the kids and get them ready for their first event.
- Depending on when their first swim, you can have your child return to you immediately after check-in or wait in the pit for their first event.
- At first call for their event, please return the swimmers to the north gate and have them return to their pit where they will be lined up for their event.
- When each child is called into the ready bench, they can remove their mask and put it into the age group holder (clear shoe organizer). Pit parents can take the organizer with them or leave it hanging on the wall by the ready bench.
- The ready bench will be socially distanced, and the kids will move through the ready bench like previous years.
- Your child swims, when they get out of the pool, they should head to the age group holder retrieve their mask and exit the pool through the north gate.
- Repeat as needed!

Volunteers

We thank you in advance for helping to run the meet. Without your help, we could not get in all the events and heats that we do. Masks will be required for all volunteers within the pool.

Volunteer check-in will be next to the north side Dolphin swimmer gate.

Parking

Parking will be a little different than in years past. Thankfully, we have ample parking. **Please see the pool layout map on the following page to see the parking areas.**

Here's a list of goodies we'll be selling on meet day to keep your energy up!

Concessions Menu

Food

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

Drinks

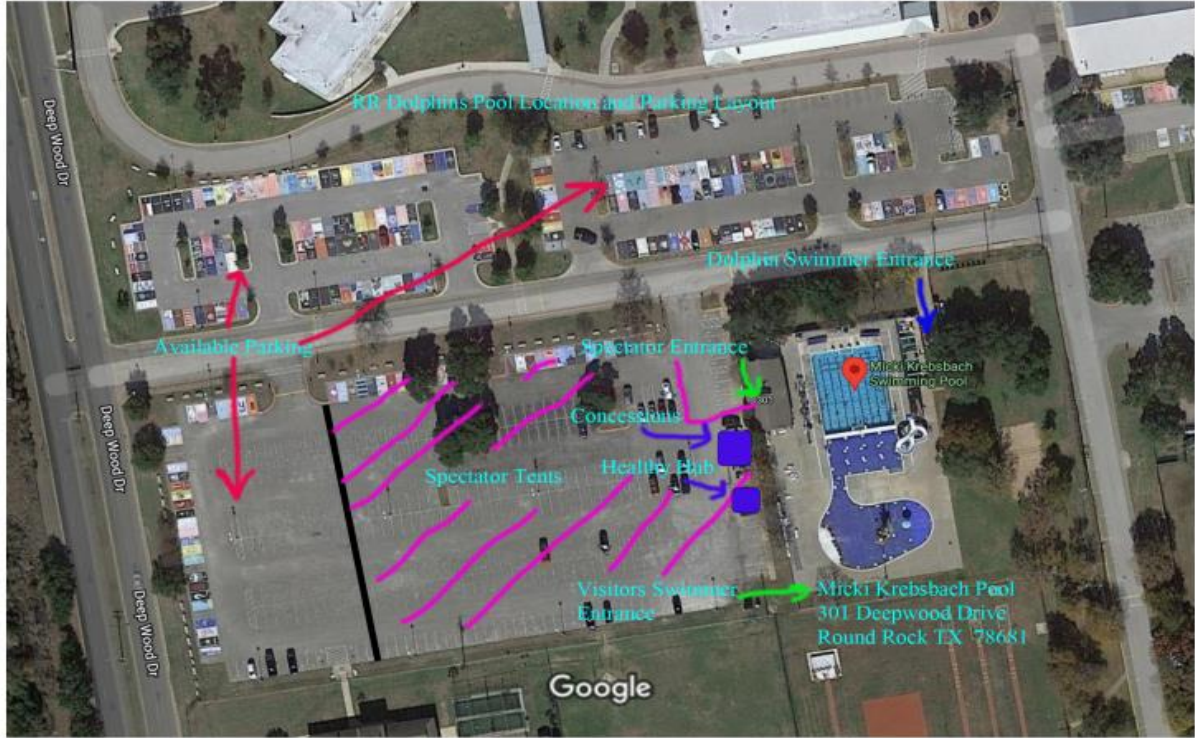
BLACK ROCK drip coffee \$1
Sodas (Coke, Diet Coke, Dr. Pepper, Diet DP, Sprite) \$1
Gatorade (various flavors) \$2
Water \$1

Sides/Sweets

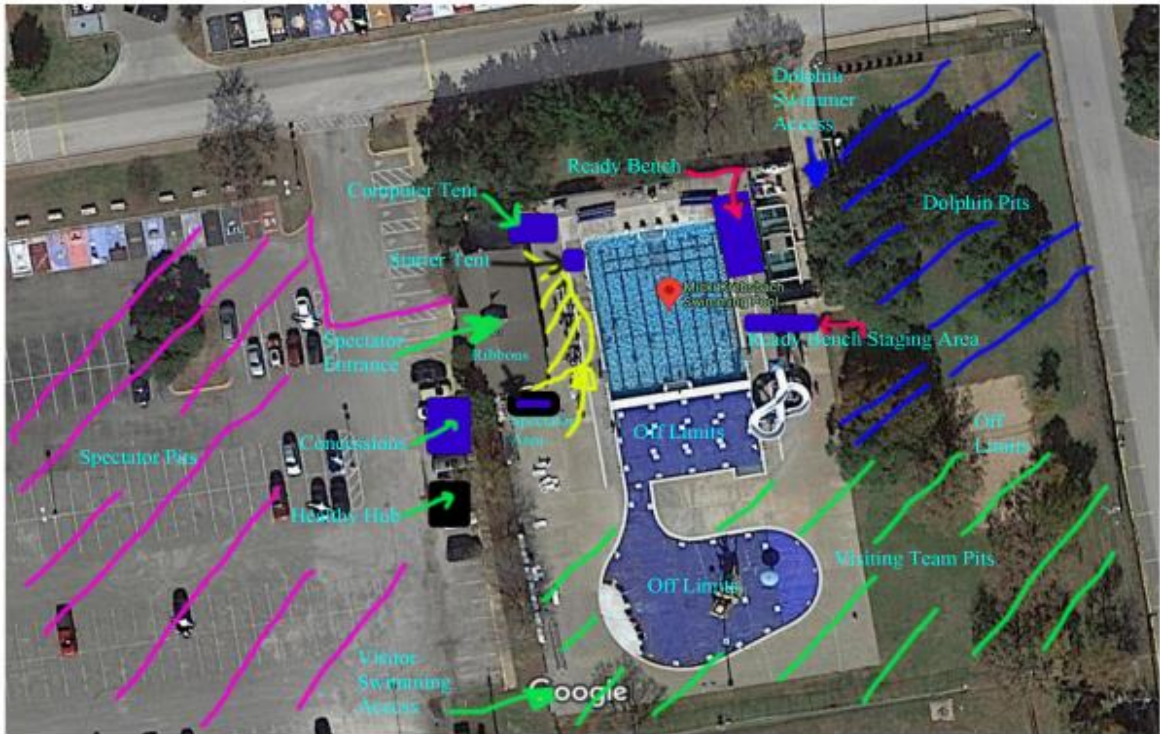
Candy \$1
Chips \$1
Watermelon \$1 per slice

****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.**



Google Maps Micki Krebsbach Swimming Pool



From the IT Crowd

One of the most exciting things about swimming is getting your swimmer's times and seeing how much they have improved from the start of the year to the end of the year. I want to demystify how those times are obtained.

Your swimmer's time is the modified average of the 3 electronic stopwatches. Modified means if someone forgets to stop the watch that time is thrown out of the average. That will become the time in the system you see in Swimtopia. As a validation step we also have a manual stopwatch time that we take and write down. That time is used to check that we have the right time and there hasn't been some electronic error.

A couple of things to note:

- 1) The manual stopwatch time is usually the one that your swimmer is given right when they get out of the pool and ask how they did. Please note that that time is usually 0.25 to 0.5 seconds faster than the real time (humans can't start the watch as fast as the computer detects the race start)
- 2) The time that is in the Swimtopia app right after the race finishes may not be the final time. The computer team has to go in and validate all the times against the manual stopwatches, as well as wait for the disqualification slips to come in so we can mark those as well. This step usually is completed within 10-15m of the swim. Any DQ and time adjustments will get updated to the app during the meet, but there is no way for us to mark a time as final right now. Swimtopia is working on that feature for next season. In the interim we will send a broadcast when groupings of scores are final (roughly every quarter of the meet).
- 3) The official final times will always be posted on the website at the end of the meet along with some other team statistics. When I get those up on the site, I'll send a group notification to Swimtopia app (or email if you haven't logged into the app).

Can't wait to see swimmers back in the pool this week!

Bryce

Computer Systems - Round Rock Dolphins Board Member

Merchandise Announcement

Merchandise is in!!

We will be distributing merchandise Wednesday- Friday of this week. Please see below for your appropriate day for pick up. (By last name.)

Wednesday: Last name starting with A - K (4pm - 7pm)

Thursday: Last name starting with L - Z (4pm - 7pm)

Friday: For any families who couldn't make it earlier in the week. (4pm - 6pm)

****Swimmers, 14 and under, will not be allowed to pick up merchandise. All parents and swimmers, 15 and up, will need to sign for confirmation of pick up.****

GO DOLPHINS!

Amanda Turner

Mask Policy Update

There has been an update to the mask policy at Practice:

- Masks for swimmers on deck during practice will be optional.
- We are asking that swimmers do not enter the pool area until their practice time, go straight to their lanes for practice and then leave as soon as their time is over.
- There are several grassy areas outside the pool - practice field, north side of the pool - and we ask that swimmers use these areas to play and not congregate around the gate or in the parking lot for safety reasons.
- Coaches will wear masks when within six feet of another coach or swimmers. They are not required to wear them in the water.
- The pool deck will remain closed to parents.
- **There is no change to the Covid procedures for meets.**

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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Austin Chiropractic Health Center

AquaTex Swim Team & Waterpolo Club

Black Rock Coffee

Bush's Chicken

Family Hospital Systems

Great Scapes Landscaping

Healthy Hub

Little Smiles Pediatric Dentistry

R Bank

Round Rock Animal Hospital

Van Norstrand & Houlihan, CPAs, P.C.



DOLPHIN LANE LINES our swim team newsletter will be published weekly by Wednesday and a link sent via our Dolphin E-mail and it will be posted to our website.