



Travis Country Swim Team

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

General:

Q: How do I know what age group my child is in?

A: Age groups are determined based on what age your swimmer is on May 1st.

Q: Who are the teams we compete against? I don't know the acronyms.

A: Here is a list of the teams we compete against and links to their websites:

<https://traviscountry.swimtopia.com/league-links>

Q: We are new to swim this year and are unsure about our swimmers. What should we do?

A: Each year during registration, we have a Meet the Coaches event on a Sunday, usually. This is a good time to come chat with the coaches and some of the board. Bring your swimmer. Ask Questions!

Q: Are the kids required to attend one practice each week? or are they expected to go to multiple practices?

A: Swimmers are encouraged to come to as many as possible during the week for their age group (meaning 1x per day, 4 days per week).

Q: What are the sign in sheets for?

A: There is a sign in sheet at each practice. The parents/guardians are to sign their swimmers in if under the age of 10. Over 10, the swimmer is allowed to come to practice by themselves and thus sign in themselves. The sign ins are looked at each week by Coach Paul and he determines how the relay teams are formed (for the meets) with that being one of his criteria. If you don't come to any practices, you might not swim any relays.

Q: What happens if we can't make all the practices?

A: We all have life and other commitments so not every practice happens. There is no penalty or anything like that. Just try to come as much as you can.

Q: Does my swimmer have to attend a certain number of practices in order to swim at a meet?

A: There is no requirement of practices. Please come as often as you can, it can only improve your swimmer's time

Q: Do we sign up for which practice to go to?

A: Whatever age the swimmer is on May 1, that is your age group. Those are the practices that the swimmer attends.



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Q: What age can my child come to practice on their own?

A: Per TC rules, a child can be unaccompanied at age 10 or older. He/She can sign himself/herself in at age 10.

Q: How does Coach Paul determine who swims in which relay?

A: There are 2 different types of relays: Freestyle and Medley. The teams can change from meet to meet depending on which swimmers attend the meet and their best times. They are all age group specific.

Freestyle:

The A relay team is comprised of the 4 fastest swimmers

The B relay team will have the 5th and 6th fastest swimmers.

The other swimmers are assigned on a rotating basis.

Medley (Backstroke, Breast, Butterfly and Freestyle):

The A team is comprised of the fastest swimmer for each stroke.

The B team has the next fastest for breaststroke and butterfly - all other strokes are rotational

The other swimmer are assigned on a rotating basis.

Gear:

Q: Does the swimmer wear his/her shark swimsuit to the practices?

A: It is not required to wear shark swimsuits during practice. Swimmers should wear suits that they can do laps in.

Q: How do I know what suit size to get?

A: Our gear volunteer will have suit try-on and purchase dates in April to get your swimmer in the right suit.

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Q: Why are there no returns on suits?

A: You will purchase your suit directly from the vendor at suit try-on days. All suits will be printed with the Sharks logo and cannot be returned.

Q: What comes with a swimmer's registration?

A: A swimmer t shirt, yard sign (1 per family), swim cap and a season full of fun and exercise and a great experience with your 'hood!

Q: How do I buy gear that is not part of registration?

A: You can get all of your gear here. [\(link here\)](#) You can order ALL season long! The Stitch Boutique is providing embroidered gear this year! All gear ordered here should be delivered to you by the following Thursday.



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Concessions:

Q: My child does not swim at the meets. Do we need to donate to concessions?

A: No. While appreciated, we don't ask for concessions donations if your child is not a swimmer. For those parents with swimmers, donations are a vital part of our organization's support so please consider contributing.

Q: What time does concessions open on the morning of home meets?

A: 6:45 - coffee, juice and other beverages; 7:15 - breakfast tacos, donuts, fruit and other snacks; later in the morning we begin serving sausage wraps with lunch options beginning around 11:00 (hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers and other items)

(Note that the above schedule applies to "regular" meets. There will be a limited lunch menu for our Fun Meet, but we'll still have our full breakfast menu, sausage wraps and a variety of snacks and beverages.)

Q. Where can I see the entire concessions menu?

A. We'll have our full menu (including some new additions this season) posted the week of the Fun Meet so keep an eye on the Concessions page of the Sharks site.



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Volunteers:

Q: Why do I need to volunteer for Swim Team?

A: It takes a village to run a swim meet and we ask that every family contribute with one volunteer per meet.

Q: Do both parents need to sign up to be a volunteer?

A: No, we ask that one family member sign up to be a volunteer for each meet.

Q: Can both parents share a volunteer position?

A: YES! Just sign up **one** adult and then you can share the role. Please do not take up 2 spots when you will only be filling one role.

ex. You will be a Timer at one meet and your other half will be a Timer at another meet. Only sign up one of you. We will be happy to make an extra name tag for the second parent.

Q: If my child is registered at a Non Swim Meet Participant, do I need to Volunteer?

A: No

Q: Do I need to volunteer at a meet that my child is not swimming in?

A: No, but we appreciate all the help we can get.

Q: If I don't get my first choice in volunteering, how does the system work?

A: We try to give everyone their first choice in volunteer roles. It is a first come, first serve basis. So the earlier you register, the more likely you will to get your first choice in volunteering.

Q: Are all volunteer positions needed for home and away meets?

A: No, some volunteer positions are needed just for our home meets (i.e. concessions, playground monitor, hospitality, etc) while other positions are needed for all meets (age group parent, timer, stroke and turn judge, etc.)

Q: Are their shifts for my volunteer role?

A: Yes, the Lead of each role will set up shifts for you to sign up for at the meet. These vary from role to role, some are 1 hour shifts and some are 3 hour shifts.

Q: How do I find out more about the different positions?

A: Most positions are outlined in the Travis Country Sharks Handbook. Also, while signing up each position has a description.



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Q: Are there positions that do not participate in the meets?

A: Yes, Special Events and Gear are 2 examples of volunteer positions that are outside the scope of the meets themselves.

Q: If I have already signed up for a Volunteer Role, why do I need to sign up again for the Meet?

A: Just like you need to register your swimmer for every meet, you will need to sign up yourself for a specific SHIFT for each Meet. That way we can see if you and your swimmer will be missing the Meet.

Q: What if I already know that we will not be making certain meets?

A: Communicate that with you LEAD. You should have been sent whom that person is before the first meet with their contact information. If you have not, the Volunteer Coordinator is the person to notify.

Q: What if my Volunteer Role is one that is not going to be used in certain Meets, i.e. Away Meets, Special Events, Gear, etc.?

A: You will not have to sign up for a Volunteer SHIFT for that Meet.

Q: Why are the options for Job Sign Up very limited to my log on?

A: You will notice that when you log in and go to Job Sign up, there will be only 1 or two options for Roles. This is because you have been assigned your specific role, and just need to sign up for your SHIFT. This makes it easier than having to page through all of the jobs for that meet and try to find your specific one.

Q: Why is Meet Tear Down also an option in Job Sign Up when that is not the role I was assigned?

A: Tear down will go a lot quicker with as many hands as we can get. Even just collecting the garbage and making sure that the age group tents are free of Lost and Found Items and trash is a HUGE help!

Q: What if the shift I want is already filled?

A: The key here is sign up as soon as the Meet Registration is open. All shifts are first come, first serve.

Q: Can I sign up for more than 1 SHIFT in my role?

A: Absolutely!



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Q: Do I sign in when I volunteer?

A: YES, there will be a Sharks Volunteer tent at every swim meet. You can pick up your nametag at the first meet and sign in at every meet.



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TC Swim Club Board:

Q: Who are the members of the TC Swim Club Board?

A:	Ryan Beard	President
	Bryan Jones	Vice President
	Michael Willard	Past President
	Ily Abounader	Registrar
	Tricia Gottsman/Stacie Murphy	Volunteer Coordinators
	Tim Skelly	Meet Director
	Dax McCracken	Asst. Meet Director
	Jenny Leeds	Web Master/Communications
	Brian Viktorin	Concessions Coordinator
	Pat Gibbons	Treasurer
	John Todor	Sponsorship Coordinator
	Diane Mueller	Gear Coordinator

Q: How do I get on the Board?

A: Talk with one of the current board members and let them know that you are interested.

MORE TO COME!

What are the differences between home and away meets? Expectations?

My child is only swimming at 9:30, why does he/she need to be there at 7:00am?

What is a heat sheet?

How do I know when to come to the swim meet? When does the meet start? What are the details about the meet?