

Devon Dolphins Swim Club

Parent Engagement 2025

DDSC



Executive



President: Devonna Klaassen

Vice President / COA: Elly Appelt

Treasurer: Mark Elder

Secretary: Amber Johnson

Team Manager: Michelle Van Slyke

Registrar: Tracy McArthur

Meet Managers: Justin Klaassen & Ben Appelt

Fundraising: Angela Kallio

OUR AMAZING COACHES



Devon Clegg
(Assistant Coach)

Lauren Eusanio
(Head Coach)

Breanne Keane
(Assistant Coach)



Communication



Coaches

- Open to talk about your child's progress
- Before or after practice, not during please
- Direct swimmers to talk to coaches if they have a concern
- Leave coaching to the coaches



Communication



LINK:
[DDSC](http://www.DevonDolphins.ca)
[Pathways of](#)
[Communication](#)

Information & Tools

- Resource info on website www.DevonDolphins.ca
- Reminders / urgent updates [BAND App](#)
- Weekly emails devondolphins@gmail.com



Reference: DDSC HANDBOOK

About DDSC:

- Dolphins have been training competitive swimmers in Devon since 1971
- Part of the Alberta Summer Swim Association (ASSA) Region B
- Top Small Teams Points Total Award for the past 3 years

DDSC Philosophy - We Believe:

- that every swimmer can become better and faster
- in building strong relationships with our families
- in supporting positive relationships between our swimmers
- that FUN is an important element of summer swim

Ultimately, for DDSC to be most successful, we all have to work together!

Club Expectations



Swimmers

- Obey all rules
- Be on time
- Inform coach of upcoming absences
- Be respectful
- Participate
- Listen - directions / instruction / feedback

- Represent DDSC positively
- Wear your DDSC gear at meets
- Be prepared
- Cheer on your teammates
- Clean up
- Have FUN!

Club Expectations



Parents



- Obey all rules
- Be supportive and encouraging to all
- Follow fundraising expectations
- Meet or exceed volunteer *minimums*
- Follow communication pathways
- Enjoy the season in the sun!

Practices



What to Bring:

- Swimsuit/jammers
- Short blade training fins
- Goggles
- Swim cap or hair elastics
- Deck shoes (optional)
- Water bottle
- Running shoes (I/I-S/S)
- Towel
- Smile
- A winning attitude!

Pool Access / Viewing

- Enter through northwest gate opening
- Dryland behind the bleachers
- Families are welcome to stay, but not required

Weather/Air Quality

Swim is "rain or shine or snow" EXCEPT:

- Lightning/thunder (30 min rule)
- Air Quality (7+)



DDSC Practice Times

PRE SEASON TRAINING

Inter-Senior / Senior - Swimming:
Sundays (May 4 & 11) 10-11am
Tuesdays (May 6 & 13) 7:30-8:30pm

Dryland:
Thursdays (May 1, 8, 15) 7:00-8:00pm

****Dryland Training is strongly encouraged for Inter-Senior and Senior swimmers. All other swimmers are welcome to participate as well.**

Fundamental: 5:00-5:45 T/W/Th

Junior: 5:00-5:45 T-F

**Intermediate: 4:00-5:15 M & F
and 4:00-5:00 T/W/Th**

Inter-Senior: 4:00-5:45 M-F

Senior: 4:00-5:45 M-F

Suits / Gear / Apparel

Represent DDSC!

Suits: expect to have prior to first meet

Gear: LY Sports

Apparel: UR Store

**ALL swimmers get a
DDSC t-shirt & swim cap**





Swim Meets

- Swim Meet Schedule on the website
- We encourage swimmers to attend as many meets as possible, with the caveat that it is a condensed season and to plan accordingly so as to prevent burnout and be fully prepared for Regionals!
- We **STRONGLY ENCOURAGE** all swimmers to participate in our home swim meet!
- Parent Meeting during practice on June 10th to talk Devon Swim Meet prep

Devon Meet
July 4 & 5



Swim Meets



What to Expect

- Each swimmer can participate in up to 4 individual events and up to 2 relay events per meet
- Coaches will determine what race(s) are ideal for your swimmer - in consultation with them
- Expect to start early (~7am) and stay for the full day - especially if you're registered for a relay!
- Parents will have to [confirm declaration of swimmers](#) (yes/no) for EACH meet a week or more in advance
- Reminder that there is comprehensive information in the Handbook!

Parents as Officials



Volunteer Expectations

- Region B Guideline: for every 4 swimmers from a club, we send 1 volunteer
- DDSC Expectation: for every 3 meets your child attends, you volunteer *at least* one session (note - this ratio is *per swimmer*)
- At minimum, one adult per family is expected to take the introductory training to be an official
- Our home meet is all hands on deck for DDSC parents
- Regionals and Provincials are massive undertakings; everyone in attendance will be asked to do at least one shift

Fundraising



Bottle Drive

- May 10 starting 10am
- Meet at the Bottle Depot
- Families can double up for double the fun!

50 / 50 Raffle

- Opens June 1st
- DDSC families - sell for the month of June
- Final push at our swim meet - draw July 5th!

Swimathon

- Part of PEAK WEEK- July 9
- Collect sponsors
- Smash records!

Sponsorship

Contact Angela at
fundraising.ddsc@gmail.com

Ongoing Recognition



NEW: Jelly Beans!!



- Jelly beans will be awarded throughout the season for accomplishments in the following categories:
 - Skill Development / Personal Growth
 - Team Contributions / Team Spirit
 - Race Performance Milestones
 - Personal Bests (PBs)
 - Bonus Beans
- Regular 'Bean Updates' will be provided
- Thank you for helping us keep the focus on what truly matters – the growth, character, and accomplishments of our swimmers – rather than on the actual bean count!

AGM / Awards Night



July 29, 2025 - 6:30pm

- Potluck at Gazebo in Lions Park
- Annual General Meeting
 - Report on the season
 - Board Elections
- Awards Night
 - Jelly Beans
 - Fun Awards
 - Swimathon Recognition
 - Recognition Awards



Apps



BAND

- **Team communication**
- **Link sent via email**
- **No fee**

SE Motion

- **Login to DDSC Account**
- **Declare yes/no for meets**
- **No fee**

Meet Mobile

- **A must-have for meets!**
- **Small subscription fee**
- **Family sharing**



Thank-You!

Thanks to all of you!

Summer swim season packs a whole lot of growth and development, fun, and excitement into a short amount of time.

It's such an amazing experience for our swimmers, and a HUGE part of that is all that happens behind the scenes.

Thank you all for doing your part to make summer swim such a meaningful and enjoyable experience for all our swimmers!!



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Let's Have A Great Year!

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