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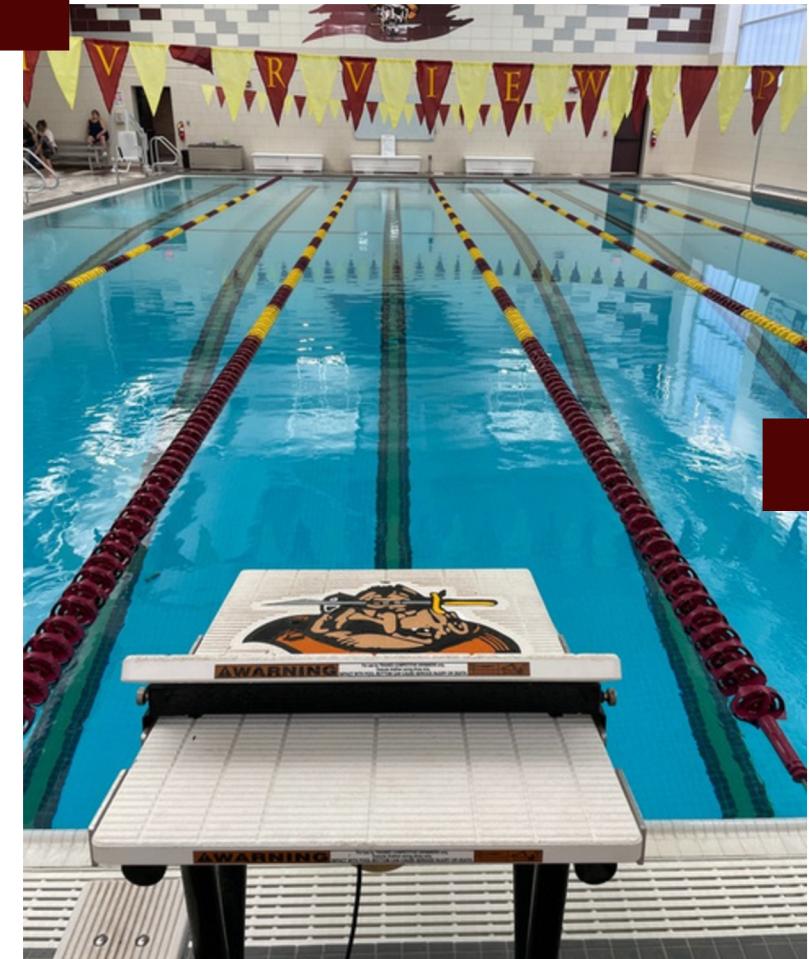
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Buccaneers Swim Team

# Introduction

The Riverview Buccaneers Swim Team is a competitive swim team. We are one of only three USA Swimming certified clubs in the Downriver Area. Our coaches and staff take pride in developing new swimmers, refining experienced swimmers and developing a love of the sport. We focus on developing a strong work ethic through teamwork while developing a great skill for lifelong fitness. Most importantly, we have fun doing it!



# Coaches & Staff

The RBST Coaches and Staff are a mix of club “employees,” volunteers and high school swimmers.

## **Head Coach, Club President**

### **Dr. Russ Pickell**

Coach Russ is the head coach for all age groups and supervises the development of all our swimmers. He also runs the day-to-day operations of the club.

## **Curriculum Director**

### **Ryan Pickell**

Coach Ryan is the Riverview Varsity head coach and designs all of our workouts and sets.

## **Associate Head Coach**

### **Eric Pickell**

Coach Eric is a Riverview Middle School assistant coach and works mostly with our Intermediate & Advanced Groups.

## **Associate Head Coach**

### **Marissa Luzac**

Coach Marissa is a Riverview alumna and joins us after swimming for Alma College. She will work across all groups.

## **Assistant Coaches**

### **RCHS Varsity Swimmers**

The assistant group is a mix of Pirates varsity swimmers who will work with all groups.

## **Parent Coordinator/Treasurer**

### **Stacy Todd**

Stacy is the main point of contact for all of RBST. She is our head volunteer and leads our USA Swimming program.

## **Marketing Director**

### **Doug Todd**

Doug leads all of our branding, social media and website development as well as our partnerships.



# Meet & Practice Etiquette

RBST is a guest at every pool we visit, including our own. Swimmers, parents and spectators are expected to be respectful of both people and property at all times.

- Swimmers are expected to work during practices, pay attention to coaches and respect other swimmers. **Horseplay will not be tolerated.**
- **No parents allowed on the pool deck during meets.**
- Walking onto the pool deck for any reason is not permitted.
- All spectators are expected to sit in the upstairs balcony. Sitting and standing on the pool deck is not permitted unless you are volunteering.
- Do not sit in the stairways of the upstairs balcony.
- The section of bleachers on the pool deck is for **HANDICAP spectators only.**
- **Sitting and/or standing on the deck boxes or in the pool doorway is not permitted.**
- After your swimmer has finished their events, if you must leave, do not walk onto the deck to get them. **Have your swimmer meet you in the lobby.**
- **Swimmers must clean up after themselves.**
- Horseplay in the locker rooms is unacceptable.
- Approaching an official, coach or the coach's office to dispute the results of a race is never permitted.
- Swimmers and spectators are expected to be quiet for the start of each heat.
- No flash photography during the start procedure.
- Do not stand at the balcony railing. You block the view of other spectators.

# Parent Volunteers

The team relies on our parents and families in order to make swim meets run as smoothly and as efficiently as possible. Every family should volunteer for at least one job during the season. We should not have the same group of volunteers for every home meet.



LANE TIMERS



AWARDS TABLE



DECK MARSHALLS



DOOR MONITOR



ANNOUNCER



TIMING SYSTEM/SCOREBOARD



# Team Uniform

The Riverview Buccaneers are sponsored by Arena Sports, USA. This means that swimmers must meet the uniform requirements for the club at all swim meets and official team events.

Once you order your team suit, please bring it to practice BEFORE IT IS WORN, and we will apply the team logo. Your suit will then be returned to you the following practice.

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## Team Suit

All swimmers are required to wear the designated team suit at all swim meets. If your size is not available, a plain black Arena suit is the accepted alternative.

## Team Swim Cap

The Gold Bucs swim cap is the only cap we allow at meets. We will no longer allow any other caps, including Riverview school caps. Bucs caps are available for purchase at practice.

## Goggles & Bags

Although not mandatory, it is highly recommended that swimmers wear Arena goggles and carry Arena swim bags.

## USA Swimmers

For USA Swimmers, the above are mandatory (excluding bags). This also includes technical swim wear (tech suits).



# Arena Benefits

As part of our partnership with Arena, RBST and our members receive a number of benefits and perks along with select discounts based on regional and national qualifiers.

## 01 20 % Discount

RBST members receive a 20% discount on the team suit on [SwimOutlet.com](http://SwimOutlet.com). All members also receive complimentary “member pricing” from [Swim Outlet](http://SwimOutlet.com) on any other purchases.

## 02 30% Return

RBST receives 30% of our team purchases back from Arena. We can use this credit to purchase additional equipment for the team.

## 03 Coach Apparel

Each of our coaches receives an annual allowance for team apparel and gear.

## 04 Non Exclusive

Under our agreement, RBST retains the right to produce our own team apparel locally or through our [Printify Team Store](http://Printify.com).

# Website & App

[www.RiverviewBuccaneers.com](http://www.RiverviewBuccaneers.com)  
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## PRACTICE SCHEDULE

The practice schedule for the entire season is housed on the website. It is updated in real time. Please refer to it for any changes and/or cancellations.

## MEET SCHEDULE

All of our league meets, USA meets, and team events are listed on the "Meets & Events" page. The entire season schedule will be posted to allow you to schedule accordingly.

## MEET ATTENDANCE

Swimmers need to declare for each swim meet. This is done via the "Edit Commitment" tab for each meet. This and the app are the ONLY ways we will accept commitments.

## ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT

Manage your own account, swimmers, and finances in one place.

The Riverview Buccaneers utilize Team Unify/Sports Engine as our practice and meet management platform.

Every swimmer must have an account on site. We use our site to register for meets, manage our volunteer staff, manage billing and house all of our swimmers' race results.

# Team Communication

We communicate with our members in four ways. Please make sure you are checking and reading ALL team communications for the latest announcements, scheduling updates and last-minute changes.



## 01 Facebook

The team Facebook page is our main social media outlet. We post announcements, schedules, reminders and all team info. on the FB page.

## 02 Website

The website houses all of our team schedules, team info and resources, USA Swim information and team stores. We also will send team emails through the site. Check your spam folders!

## 03 Remind

Remind is our team text messaging platform. We use this to send last minute updates or changes, and event reminders. Text @Rivbuc1 to 81010 to subscribe.

## 04 Instagram

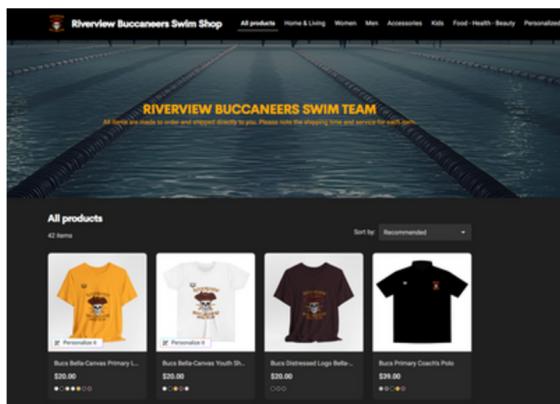
Mainly for pictures during meets and events, we will post team announcements as well. Follow us @RivBucsSwim



# Team Apparel

## Team T-Shirts

T-shirts are available for purchase at the pool for \$15.00 each.



## Printify

A wider variety of team apparel is available from our online team store. RBST receives 10% from each order.

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# USA Swimming

We are a USA Swimming Member Club and participate in several USA Swim Meets throughout the year.

**These are optional and at additional cost to swimmers.**  
They are in addition to our normal league schedule and take place on weekends.

Swimmers need to be registered with USA Swimming and in good standing in order to participate.

Please see Coach Russ and/or Stacy for additional info.



# Thank You

Please see Coach Russ, Stacy, or Doug with any questions or concerns.

Go Bucs!

-RBST





## RIVERVIEW BUCCANEERS SWIM TEAM REQUIRED UNIFORM FOR MEETS

- TEAM SUIT
  - ARENA TEAM PATTERN
  - ARENA BLACK (IF TEAM PATTERN IS NOT AVAILABLE)
- TEAM SWIM CAP
- ARENA COMPETITION STYLE GOGGLES - NOT SCUBA MASK STYLE - SHOULD NOT COVER THE NOSE.





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  - ARENA BLACK (IF TEAM PATTERN IS NOT AVAILABLE)
- TEAM SWIM CAP
- ARENA COMPETITION STYLE GOGGLES\*



\*Goggles only required for regional, state, or sectional meets



## RIVERVIEW BUCCANEERS SWIM TEAM RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

- EXTRA SUITS FOR PRACTICE
- SWIM BACKPACK OR DUFFLE
- SANDALS OR CROCS TO WEAR ON DECK
- SWIM TOWEL
- SWIM PARKA OR WARMUP STYLE JACKET TO WEAR ON DECK

