



Tigersharks Swim Club
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Welcome to Fall/Winter Season

September 2, 2025 through March 7, 2026

Fall Session Try-Out Days/ Registration Nights: Monday, August 25th & Wednesday, August 27th 6:00pm to 7:00pm at the Dodge Middle School – Pool

New Swimmer Online Fall Registration Window: August 25th through November 10th

Returning Swimmers Online Fall Registration Window: August 15th through November 10th

Fall Session: Tuesday, September 2nd – Sunday, November 30th

New Parent Meeting: Tuesday, September 9th, 6:00PM (DMS – Choir Room)

Annual Club Meeting: Monday, September 22nd, 6:30PM (DMS – Choir Room)

Winter Session Try-Out Days/ Registration Nights: Monday, November 24^h & Wednesday, November 26^h from 6:00pm to 7:00pm at the Dodge Middle School – Pool

New Swimmer Online Winter Registration Window: November 24th through January 14th

Returning Swimmers Online Winter Registration Window: November 10th through January 14th

Winter Session: Monday, December 1st – Sunday, March 8^h

Home swim meets (volunteer requirement): Nov. 16-16 (Thanksgiving Classic) & Jan. 3-4 (Freezing Your Fins Off).

Requirements:

1. Complete the ONLINE Registration, which now includes credit card information. Due to the amount of late/unpaid swim fees, we are requiring that all online registrations have a credit card on file.
 - a. When you register you will be required to pay any unpaid dues or meet fees for the entire family that are outstanding from prior seasons. Swimmers with families with unpaid balances will not be allowed in the water until such outstanding fees are paid.
 - b. On the first of each month, your credit card will be billed for meet fees and the monthly swim fees, for those who select monthly payment.
 - c. If you have questions, please contact our team president at: president@tigersharksswimclub.com.
2. **USA Swimming Registration:** All swimmers who have not already paid 2025 USA Swimming Annual Registration, will need to pay for the swimmer's **2026 USA Swimming Annual Registration (\$72.00-80.00)**. This membership is good until 12/31/2026.
 - a. **There will be a separate online registration for USA Swimming.** See the NEWS area of our website for more information.

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- b. If transferring from another club, a transfer form must also be filled out and a \$5 transfer fee payment is required.
- c. Any family on free or reduced lunch only owes \$5.00 for their annual USA Swimming Registration, with proof of free or reduced lunch.

3. VOLUNTEERING:

- a. All families registered in the **Fall session** are required to work a minimum of **two shifts** at our **November 15-16, 2025 Thanksgiving Classic Meet**. A \$200 VOLUNTEER PAYMENT PER FAMILY WILL BE BILLED TO YOUR ACCOUNT BY DECEMBER 15th IF YOUR FAMILY HAS NOT MET THE VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENT. This will be charged to your credit card on January 1st.
- b. All families registered in the **Winter session** are required to work a minimum of **two shifts** at our **January 3-4, 2026 Freezing Your Fins Off Meet**. A \$200 VOLUNTEER PAYMENT PER FAMILY WILL BE BILLED TO YOUR ACCOUNT BY FEBRUARY 15th IF YOUR FAMILY HAS NOT MET THE VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENT. This will be charged to your credit card on March 1st.
- c. There are ample volunteer shifts per meet. Your family may fulfill your **required** shifts by working (or having someone work for your family) any two volunteer shifts during the available shifts. Sign up for shifts will be available on the website, under the meets tab, on a first-come-first-serve basis during the registration window.
- d. **Butter Braids:** In November we will have a butter braid sale. This is an easy fund raiser, as Butter Braids tend to sell themselves; you just need to let others know that you are selling them. There will be a December date announced to pick up your orders.
- e. If you would like to opt out of the volunteer requirement, you can elect to do so at the time of registration and pay the \$200.00.
- f. If you know that your family has a conflict with either of these weekends, please contact the Board of Directors ASAP at board@tigersharksswimclub.com.

We encourage any interested parents to become an official. We need lots of officials to host meets! We are looking for parents to advance into the official positions: starter, meet ref, and admin official. Officials who cover shifts at hosted meets fulfill volunteer requirements. All expenses to become an official are paid by Tigersharks, plus there is an opportunity to receive a \$200 credit to your account. Contact board@tigersharksswimclub.com to learn more.

Competitive Swim Team

We are a competitive swim team; this means that as a swimmer on the team you will be expected to attend swim meets. We want to bring a good representation of our team to away meets. With that in mind, swimmers will be required to attend at least **one home meet** and **one away meet** each session. Below is the tentative meet schedule. The bolded meets are swim meets all swimmers are required to attend. We know that the bolded weekends might not always work for a swimmer's family, so you are welcome to substitute a different meet, if needed.

TENTATIVE Fall/Winter Swim Meet Schedule

Sept. 19th	SHRK Mini-Meet (Dodge Pool)
Oct. 4	RFSC One Session Meet (River Falls)
Oct. 11-12	BAC 12 & Under Invite (Bloomington)
Oct. 26	HAST Great Pumpkin (Hastings)
Nov. 1-2	NOR Invite (Northfield)
Nov. 15-16	SHRK Thanksgiving Classic
Nov. 21-23	STRM Invite (Lakeville)
Dec. 5-7	AQJT Single Age State Meet (Minnetonka)
Dec. 6	RIPT Jingle Bell Meet (Apple Valley)
Dec. 13	RFSC (River Falls) or BAC Invite (Bloomington)
Jan. 3-4	SHRK Freezing Your Fins Off
Jan. 17	BAC Mid-Distance Meet (Bloomington)
Jan. 31-Feb. 1	HAST IMX Invite (Hastings)
Feb. 7-8	PRNH Invite (Richfield)
Feb. 13-15	RSC President's Day Meet (Rochester)
Feb. 21-22	TBA MN Bronze Championship Meet (Bronze or less)
Feb. 27-Mar.1	TBA MRC (Silver - <CH times required)
Mar. 7-8	10 & Under State at Rochester (CH required)
Mar. 12-15	Senior State at U of M (CH required)
Mar. 19-22	Age Group (11-14) State at U of M (CH required)

Other meets may be added to the meet schedule. Some dates, host teams, and locations may change.

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Equipment

Swimmers need different equipment based on the group they are in. Here is the list of equipment needed for each group.

	Novice Group	White Group	Teal/Indigo Group	Purple Group
Kick Board	X	X	X	X
Fins*	X	X	X	X
Pull-buoy		X	X	X
Paddles			X	X
Training Snorkel	X	X	X	X
Equipment Bag	X	X	X	X
Team Suit for Swim Meets+	X	X	X	X
Team Warm-up++			X	X
Team Swim Cap for Swim Meets**	X	X	X	X

***Fins should be short fins, not full-length fins. This is so the swimmers can kick faster. Also, fins without a closed in heel allow for more ankle flexibility.**

****Team Caps without names on them can be purchased from coaches during practice. The coaches will bill your account, so there is no need to send cash. Caps are \$3 for latex and \$13 for silicone.**

****Team caps with names on them can be ordered on our website by September 15th.**

+Team suits are required for all swimmers. High school swimmers, you need to have a tam suit, too.

++Team Warm-up Jacket is STRONGLY encouraged for these groups. All other groups, team warm-up jacket is optional. The warm-up pants are optional for all groups. School team warm-ups should be worn during the school season not at a club meet.

All equipment can be purchased at <https://elsmoreswim.com/collections/tigersharks-swim-club>, the Tigersharks Team Store, through Elsmore Aquatic in Apple Valley. This link can always be found at the bottom of our website.

Tigersharks Season T-Shirt

Please make sure to include each swimmer's **current** shirt size! New swimmers can do this when completing his or her registration. **Returning swimmers**, you can change your shirt size in your MY ACCOUNT area when you are logged into the team website. If you need help, please ask Dion.

If you register for the Fall session by September 15th, you will receive a Tigersharks Fall/Winter season t-shirt as part of your registration. If you register for the Winter session by December 15th, you will receive a Tigersharks Fall/Winter season t-shirt as part of your registration. You will receive one shirt per Fall/Winter season.

SAMPLE PRACTICE CALENDAR: Please refer to the website at www.tigersharksswimclub.com for the actual practice dates/times/locations. Due to unforeseen conflicts, practice dates/times/locations may change with little notice. Email updates will be sent out when schedule changes occur, but please check the online calendar on a regular basis for up-to-date information. Here is a sample schedule.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Expectations*
Novice 6-7pm	Novice 6-7pm	Novice 6-7pm	Novice 6-7pm			2-3/week
White 6-7pm	White 6-7pm	White 6-7pm	White 6-7pm	White 6-7pm		3-4/week
Teal 7-8:30pm	Teal 7-8:30pm	Teal 7-8:30pm	Teal 7-8:30pm	Teal 6-7:30pm		4-5/week
Indigo 7-9pm	Indigo 7-9pm	Indigo 7-9pm	Indigo 7-9pm	Indigo 6-7:30pm	Indigo TBD	4-5/week
Purple 7-9pm	Purple 7-9pm	Purple 7-9pm	Purple 7-9pm	Purple 6-7:30pm	Purple TBD	4-6/week

*Expectations are not requirements. These are just the number of practices we hope to see each swimmer attend in a week. We know that there are other things happening in a swimmer's life and sometimes they will not be able to attend as many practices during a week and that is perfectly acceptable.

Fall/Winter Season Fees

Payment for the ENTIRE session is due at registration.

1. All families are required to maintain a current credit card on file.
2. When you register, you will have two options of how you may **pay the full session registration**:
 - **Session Name – Up Front 1-Time Payment** is paying the amount in full upon registration.
 - **Session Name – Divided into Easy Monthly Payments** is splitting the full amount due into easy monthly payments. NOTE: you owe the entire session registration even if you cancel.

All fees are non-refundable except for medical reasons. If a swimmer is not able to swim due to a medical reason which prevents him/her from swimming for a period of two (2) or more consecutive weeks, then, upon request, a refund or credit will be considered by the board. **ALL** requests for refunds must be submitted *during the swim season in which they apply*. Requests should be submitted in writing prior to a Board meeting and may also be submitted in person at the Board meeting (second Monday of the month). Please submit your requests to board@tigersharksswimclub.com.

FEES: Once a swimmer starts a session, payment is required through the end of that session. A swimmer that starts part way through a session is responsible for paying the total monthly fees for that current month through the end of the session (e.g. Purple group swimmer starts September 20th would pay total monthly fees for all three months totaling \$615).

Fall/Winter Registration Fees				
Training Group	Fall Session Sept. 2 – Nov. 30	Winter Session Dec. 1 – Mar. 8	Total for Two Sessions (Fall & Winter)	Per Month Breakdown
Novice	\$375	\$375	\$750	\$125
White	\$450	\$450	\$900	\$150
Teal	\$525	\$525	\$1050	\$175
Indigo	\$570	\$570	\$1140	\$190
Purple	\$615	\$615	\$1230	\$205

Family Discount: Families with two or more swimmers who swim during the same session receive a 5% discount for each swimmer.

If your child moves to a different group from one session (Fall) to the next (Winter), there will be a change in the dues owed.