WELCOME TO THE METROWEST YMCA STINGRAYS 2022-2023

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Parent Orientation

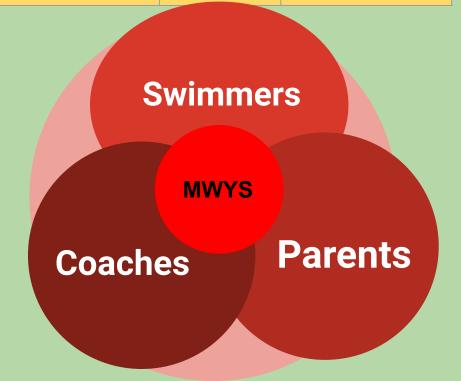
- Introduction Team, YMCA, USA Swim, Parent roles, Coaches
- Practice Schedules sites, schedule, timeliness, communication
- Color Groups assignment criteria, advancement
- Team Fees registration, USA, meet fees
- Team Unify Site- events, how to sign up swimmer, parents, communication, payment
- Code of Conduct, Safesport
- Parent job expectations
- Parent committee
- Officials
- Q&A

Introduction

- MWYS Swim Team
- Metrowest YMCA
- YMCA, USA Swimming
- Parent Roles
- Coaches
 - Lavinia
 - Bob
 - Jared
 - Angelica
 - Erin

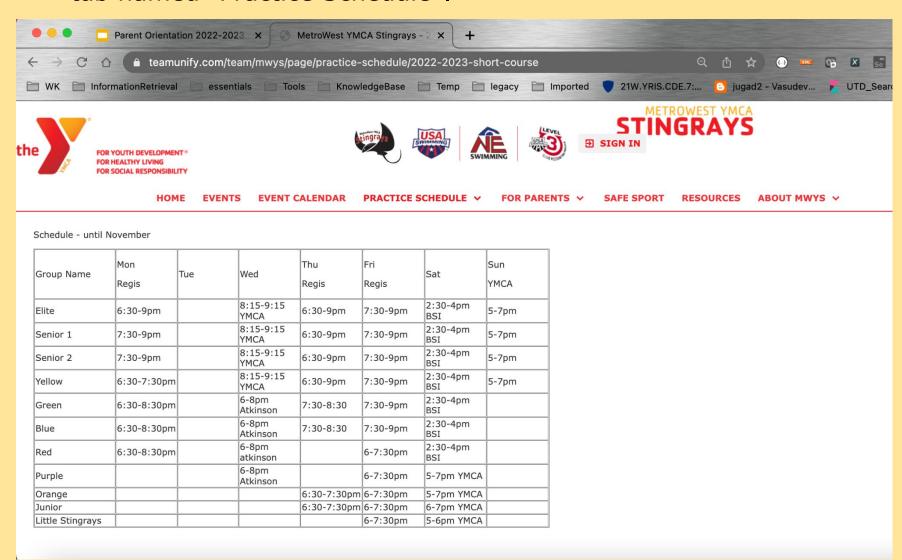
# of MWYS swimmers		
50 (2013) —	100 (2021)	

MWYS RANK (SCY)	2017-18	2021
NATIONAL	742	393
ZONE	203	105
LSC	21	14



Practice Schedules

 Team practice schedules are posted on TeamUnify, under the tab named "Practice Schedule".



Practice Schedules

• Changes:

 Practice schedule change will be communicate via email as early as possible, team website will still show the general one.

• Check:

- Dry land schedule listed under your swimmer(s) color group.
- Make sure you mark down the pool location for the practice.

On-time:

 Please arrive on-time or let the coaches know that if you are running late. It's so important for you to pick up your swimmer on time. It is your responsibility to supervise your swimmer before and after the practice.

Be Accessible

 Swimmers under 16 years old must have an adult present at off-site practices. Swimmers 10 years old and younger must have an adult present at all practices including YMCA.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Important Note: All communications will come from TeamUnify (email) to swimmers and parents.
 - Ensure your email address is correct in your TeamUnify account. Add any additional email addresses who also needs to be notified in your family.
 - Check your emails often!!!
 - Not WeChat!!!
- **New Parents:** Email with instructions on how to log in to TeamUnify was sent to you.
 - Please see coach Lavinia if you did not receive login instructions or have any trouble getting registered.

Color Groups & Equipment

- Groups: Elite, Seniors, Yellow, Green, Blue, Red, Purple, Orange, Juniors, Little Stingrays
- How are groups assigned?
- How to advance to the next group?
- Equipment required (team suit, cap)

Team Fees

YMCA Registration Fees

- Each group has different fees
- covers pool rental fees, YMCA costs, etc.
- Paid at YMCA at the start of the season. Monthly option?

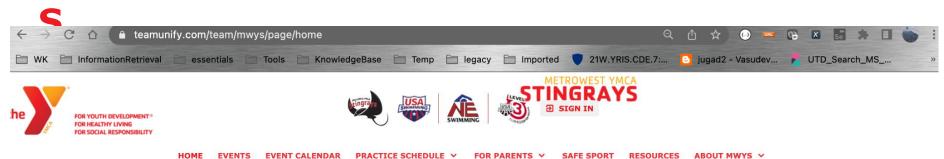
USA Swimming Fee

- covers USA membership and YMCA admin fee
- Paid at YMCA at the start of the season. Changing?

Meet Fees

- cover meet entry fees and costs to swim in events
- Paid by the credit card on file with auth. - depending on events your swimmer is swimming

WWW.TEAMUNIFY.COM/MWY





WHAT IS TEAM UNIFY?

Team Unify is swim team management software that provides:

- Practice Schedule
- List of Upcoming Meets/Events
 - Attend/Decline Meets
 - Volunteer Signup
 - Instructions before attending Meets
- All Email communications
- Newsletter
- Meet results/best swim time for your swimmer
- Resource depository for parents and swimmers
 - Team Records
 - YMCA and USA cut-off times for Championships
 - Coach Corner

EVENTS





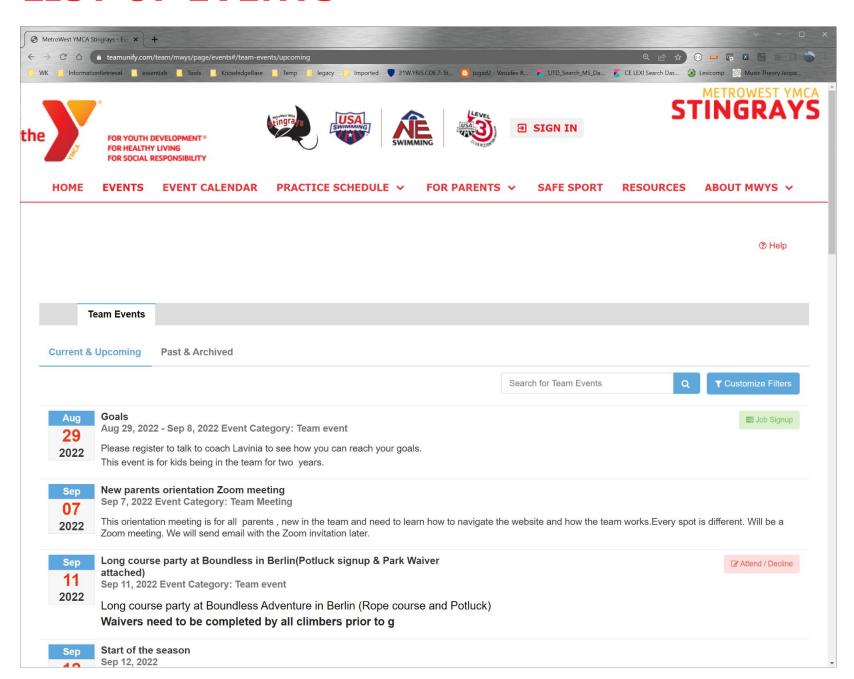
ABOUT



We are the Metrowest YMCA Stingrays Swim Team, based in the Framingham, Massachusetts YMCA and we are members in the USA Swimming Club. The Stingrays swimmers are coached on stroke development, swimming technique and are taught to swim competitively at the highest levels in an environment that focuses on having fun and enjoying the sport.

Our coaches bring many years of experience teaching 6-18 years old. Swimmers are segmented by age, ability, and emotional preparedness to help them comfortably adapt to the rigors of training and

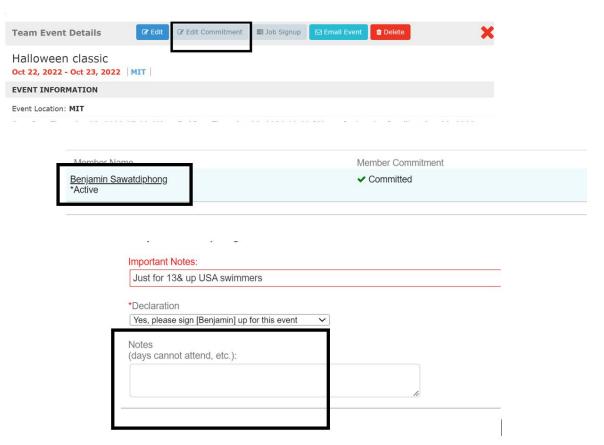
LIST OF EVENTS



ATTEND/DECLINE EVENTS

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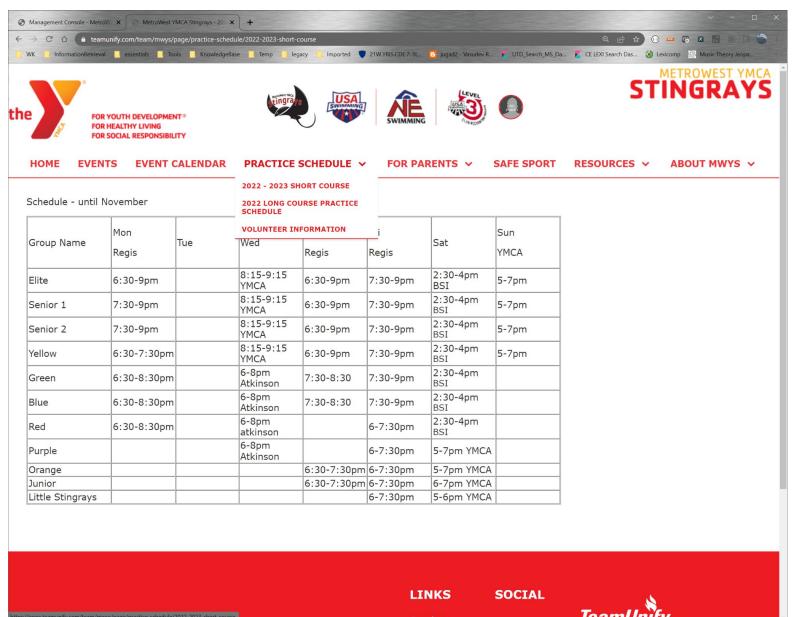
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- Click on your swimmer's name



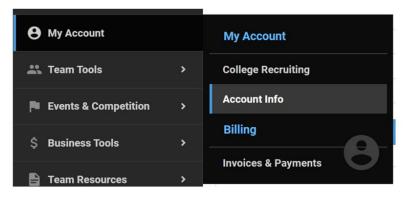
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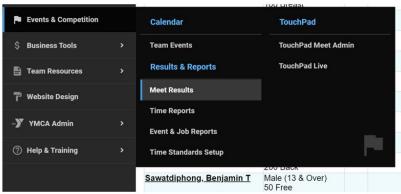
- We strongly encourage you to attend all meets
 - You must attend 3 YMCA meets to participate in Districts and Championships
 - We encourage you to attend all USA meets as this will provide your swimmer with more opportunities to make the cut times (USA registered swimmers only)
- You will receive emails from TeamUnify asking whether you will attend upcoming meets. You need to commit attend/decline before the signup deadline. After the deadline, you can't make any changes without Lavinia's approval.
- If you don't do anything before the deadline, your child will unable to swim in the meet.

Schedule, For Parents, Records...



MY ACCOUNT





My Account:

- Add/Update Email Address
- Update Account Info
- Update swimmer Info

My Meet Results:

•Shows swimmer final times from each meet

My Invoice/Payment

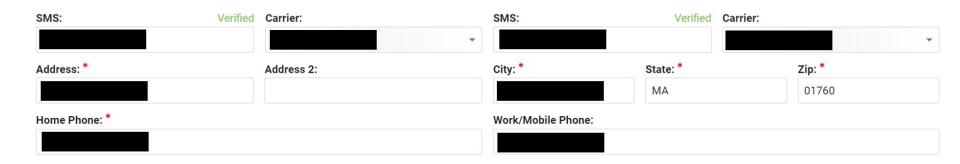
- Displays meet fee balance
- Negative balance means that you have a credit and do not owe any money

Add/Update Email

My Account > Account Info

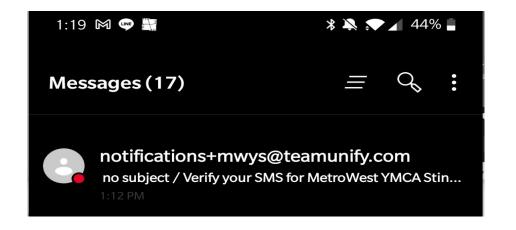


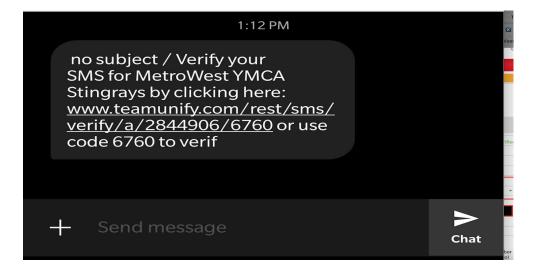
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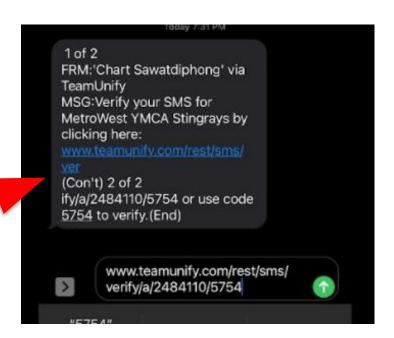
Now, on your phone, you should receive a SMS message from notification+mwys@t eamunify.com (may be up to 10 minutes delay). If you don't receive this test, remove the phone number and try again.

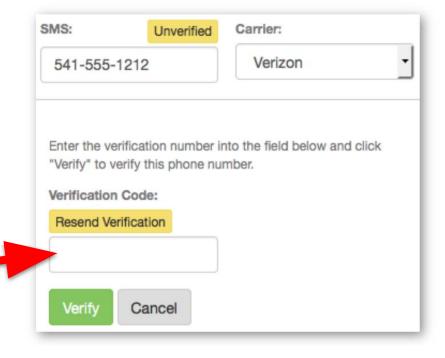




Sometimes, the link is broken into two parts. If you notice the word **verify** is broken up.

You should fix the link by copying the message to a text editor, and paste it in the browser (chrome/safari manually) If the link is not broken, you can just click on the link to verify the SMS message. Or you login to TeamUnify to manually enter the code in your profile.





The following Mobile virtual network operator (MVNO) might not be listed under the carrier, try use the following value instead:

Mint \rightarrow t-mobile.

For Crickets, try Cricket SMS first, if that doesn't work try AT&T Wireless

Code of Conduct & Safe Sport

Code of Conduct

- Be respectful and supportive
- Common courtesy
- Good sportsmanship
- Behave in a manner that reflects positively on the team
- Follow facility rules
- And more!

"If you see something, Say something! "

Safe Sport Club Recognition

 Commitment to creating a healthy and positive environment free from abuse for all its members through the development and implementation of club governance measure.



Parent Expectations & Obligations

- Parents critical to the function of the MWYS team
- All parents are expected to sign up for jobs to ensure adequate staffing for meets.
- Jobs include:
 - Timer
 - Official (referee)
 - Monitor (Locker room, Gym)
 - Bullpen coordinator
 - Meet job coordinator
 - Parent committee roles (communications, treasurer, party planner, community service, Safe sport, Team Unify, tech)
 - Safe sport table
 - Newsletter
 - Video Operator and Editor*
 - Photographer (optional)

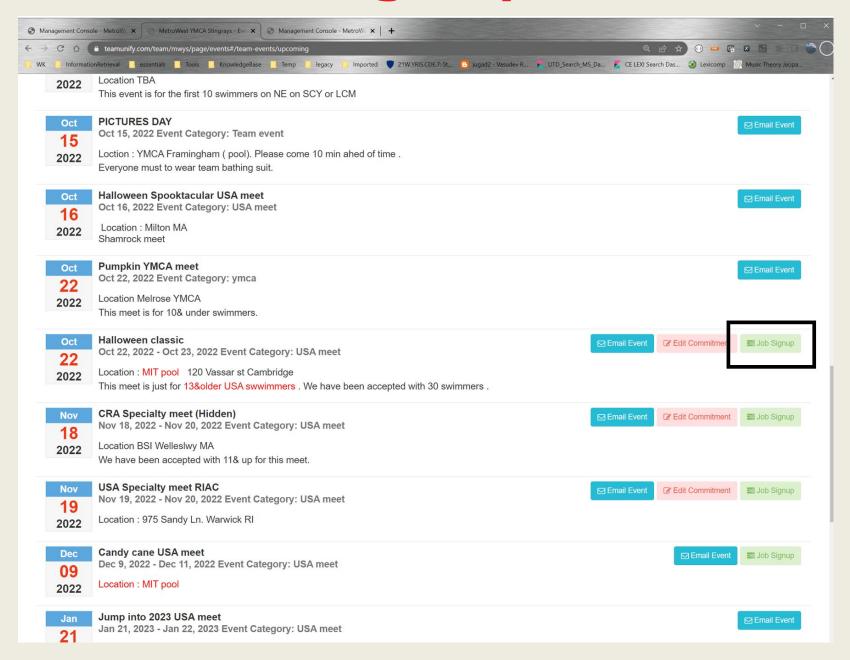
Parent Expectations & Obligations

- Meet jobs are posted for sign up by event on Team Unify
- Parent jobs (number of hours or sessions) are tracked and reported monthly
- Parents who have inadequate contributions may be assigned a job at meets at the discretion of the coach (or meet job coordinator)
- If you are unable to make a scheduled slot, it is your responsibility to find a replacement (not the coach).

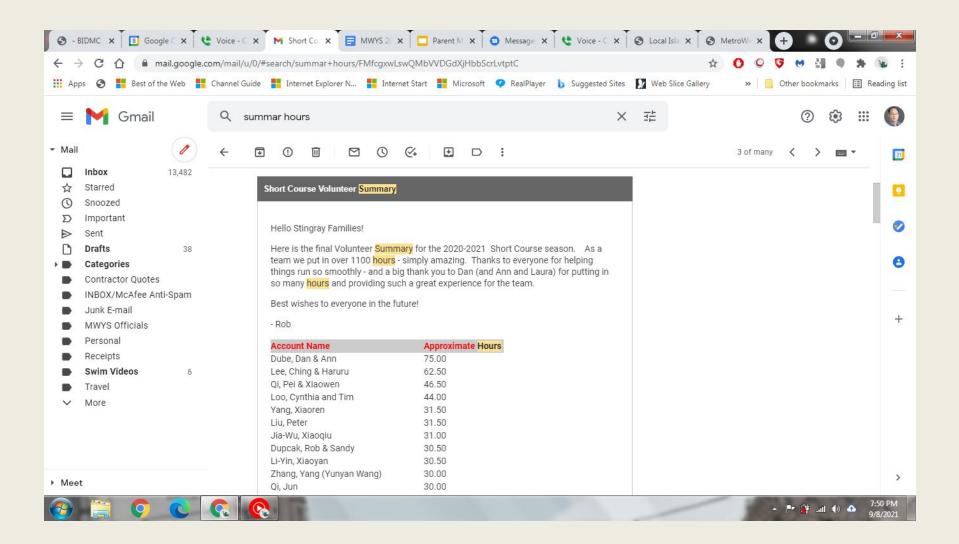
Positions currently open

- Parent Committee member
- Official (esp Administrative official)
- Secretary
- Photographer
- Newsletter

Parent Job Sign-up



Parent Job Reports



Metrowest YMCA Mission

The Metrowest YMCA is dedicated to providing programs and services that build health, spirit, mind and body for all.

The Metrowest Stingray Swim Team was founded on the mission to provide competitive swimming training and competition for children ages 6 – 18 while balancing their characters and educational developments.

The Stingrays Swim Team Parent Committee is founded to support these principles.

Parent Committee Roles, Achievements and Commitments

Background

- Many years ago
 - Local hosted meets concessions at meets were main source of fundraising (\$1200/year)
 - Communications was done at beginning of season followed by word of mouth and emails
 - Division 2 YMCA team with a Separate USA team
- 2013 The Team Hosted District Championships
 - Required tremendous amount of parents support
 - Beginning of an informal parent committee
 - Raised over \$ 14,000

Team Accomplishments

- Developed new Stingray Team Logo
- 2016 Team Moves to YMCA Division 1
- 2016 Boys 8 & Under Eastern MA District Champions
- 2016 12 & Under USA Champs Top 10 Finish
- 2016 Team Finished 7th overall at YNE Champs
- Roger GU won the B-finals at Olympic trial (22.68 20.91 WR clieo/21.07 OR dressel/OQ 22.01)*
- Akina Masuda finishes 1st Overall at USA Champs
- Ava Wong finishes 4th Overall at USA Champs
- Team Unify is purchased for 4 Years (\$ 4000)
- Expanded pool time to 6 days a week
- Annual Fundraising
- Monthly newsletter created (Home > Team News > Archived)
- Graduates WPI, Cornell, Tufts, Harvard*
- 2021 Earned USA Club Recognition Level 3, 42 teams/within 100 miles from Framingham MA*
- 2021 Safe Sport Team recognition*

Team Accomplishments

- Hosted meets during COVID time (8 meets)!
- Meets are streamed recorded, posted on YouTube
- Annual gifts to all swimmers, parent committee, officials and coach (shirt, chairs, and towel)
- COVID Parade*
- Community Volunteering events
- Donations to the YMCA



Team Accomplishments

- 2022 NE Age Group Championship (Short Course)
 - Team Scores
 - 10 and Under Overall 3rd place
 - 11-14 Overall 9th place
 - LCM ZONES Championships (4 swimmers made the cuts)
- 2021 NE Age Group Championship
 - Team Scores
 - 10 and Under 11th Place (4th from YMCA teams)
 - 11-12 14th place (3rd from YMCA teams)
 - Boys 11th
 - Girls 14th
 - 13-14 13th place (2nd from YMCA teams)
 - Boys 6th
 - Girls N/A
 - 15 and Over 24th place (6th from YMCA teams)

Fun Events

- Annual Apple Picking
- MIT Triathlon
- XMAS Gift Swap
- Movie Nights
- SkyZone
- Summer outing*
 - Outdoor Adventures Rope Course
- Team Dinners*
- Walk for Hunger Fundraiser
- Swimathon Fundraiser
- Fun practice and Fun relays in meet
- Zoom Dryland and Fun Quiz
- Looking for new ideas!

Formation of Parent Committee Charter

Current Committee Members:

- Committee Chair: Shared (Chart, Ching, Dinesh, Peter, Tim)
- Assistant Committee Chair: Sub-committee (as above)
- Meet Job Coordinator: Chart
- Treasurer Jiling
- Communications Ching
- Secretary Open
- Party/Event planner Jiling
- Community Service, Diversity & Inclusion -Edenia
- Safe Sport -Haruru
- Team Unify Web -Jessie
- Newsletter Dinesh (need associate editor)
- Officials -Tim, Haruru
- Fundraising -Sub committee
- **Zoom, Video, Tech** -Chart
- Also:
 - Aquatics Director
 - Coach Advisory Position
 - Team Captains Advisory Position

Successful Swim Team Needs:

- Facilities Pool Time
- Quality Coaching Staff
- Support from Management
- Parental Involvement
 - Timer Contributions
 - Swim Officials

Officials

- Referees required to conduct a meet
- Ensure fair competition
- USA Swimming vs. YMCA
- Parent volunteers
- Various functions and roles
 - Stroke & Turn Judge
 - Starter
 - Deck Referee
 - Administrative
 - Meet Referee



Officials

Benefits of being an official

- Early access to the pool facility
- Being on deck (vs. squished in the stands, sweating buckets)
- Near to your swimmer
- Greater engagement in your child's sport
- Better understanding of the rules
- Best view of the pool

Want to be an official?

Talk to Tim or Haruru



Q&A

Contacts

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