

Fort Scott Hurricanes Swim Team
2021

As we all know, 2020 was a difficult year full of cancelations and unexpected changes to our everyday activities. We had to be flexible, think outside the box and make some very hard decisions. As swim programs across the country were being shut down we found a way to provide opportunities for our kids to swim and have new experiences. We saw the passion in our coaching staff and swimmers who came to practice everyday ready to learn technique and develop endurance not even knowing if they would have the opportunity to compete. We enjoyed hosting meets with Joplin, Nevada and Carthage swim teams and found that our swimmers rose to the challenge and competed with Tri-State teams. We had our first, of hopefully many, college coaches clinics with Coach Tony from Hendrix University to finish our 2020 season. In a season full of unknowns we were able to create a small sense of normality that sustained us to now. So what happens now?

What Remains the Same:

Registration Fees	\$55/ \$65 after May 12th
Start Date	Tuesday after Memorial Day
Practice Groups	Bronze, Silver & Gold
Practice Times	Same as last year (see flyer with schedule)
Age Groups	15-18yr. Age groups
Strokes for Races	Back, Breast, Fly & Free
Same Coaches	Short, Martin, Hudiburg
Parent Involvement	Help Running Meets
Weekday Competitions	5 Wed. Home Meets
Coaches Clinic*	Sterling College July1-3 (additional fee to attend)*
League Meet	End of season Weekend
Family Choice	What meets to attend
Parent Board	April, Jamie, Tara, Taira & Angie

What has Changed:

New League	Joined Tri-State Swim League
League Championship Meet	2 Championship Meets (back to back weekends)**
Eligibility for Championships	More information on back
Meet Workers	Need additional parents to be stroke/line judges/starters
Competition Schedule	Both Wednesday and Weekend dates
Increase in Dates	Opportunity for 5-12 Meets
Fees	Will be individual fees for events swam at Weekend meets
Level of Competition	Better competition at all levels in all age groups
Experience	More opportunities to develop and improve as a swimmer

Tri-State Championship Meets

There are 2 Championship meets at the end of the year for teams associated with the Tri-State Swimming League. In order to swim at a Championship meet, a swimmer must swim a legal stroke in at least 3 Invitational (weekend) meets.

There are two levels of Championship competition. The first meet is the "B" Championships and is held the last weekend of July. If a swimmer has competed in their 3 invitational meets and does not have an "A" qualifying time, they will swim at the "B" Championship meet in the events that they have a legal time for. If they swim an "A" qualifying time at the "B" Championship meet they are also allowed to swim at the "A" Championship meet the following weekend.

To swim at the "A" Championship a swimmer must meet the requirement of swimming at 3 invitational meets (weekend) and must also swim a qualifying time in that event. The "A" Championship meet is the first weekend in August.

There are additional fees per swimmer per event for both the invitational meets and the Championship meets. These typically run at or below \$15/swimmer per meet.

Parents: We are going to need additional volunteers to commit to being stroke judges and starters. Both of these positions require training. We are working on a virtual option for training, there will be at least one in-person session offered. In order to allow our swimmers to use times earned at our home meets for eligibility for the "A" Championship, we have to increase our stroke judges pool side for every meet from 1 to 4. We need you! Please contact Angie Kemmerer at angie.kemmerer@usd234.org if you are able to help.

There will be a Zoom Stroke/turn judges clinic on May 15th at 10:00. A link will be sent to those willing to attend.

Team Suit: Optional, but if you would like to purchase a team suit here is the link:

Team Suit: TYR Hydra in red/black @ <https://www.swimoutlet.com/fshurricanes>

Registration Link: <https://www.teamunify.com/team/recfsh/page/home>