

Dear Sharks' Families,

Registration is Now Open!

We're excited to kick off the new season!

In this email, you'll find the following important information:

- **A Note from the Board**
- **A Note from Coach Clemons, along with an explanation of the new schedule**
- **Details about Training Group and Registration pricing**
- **An attachment with the updated Training Schedule and Group Expectations**

Please note that there has been a restructuring of the Training Schedule for some groups, along with updates to the Group Expectations. Be sure to review these changes carefully.

We look forward to a great season ahead!

A Note from the Board:

Dear Sharks Families,

Wow! Can you believe we are entering our 9th year as Sharks Swim Club? We've come a long way since our early days, and we couldn't be more excited for what's ahead. Last October, we welcomed our new Head Coach, Coach Clemons, and under his leadership, our swimmers are doing great! Our dedicated and experienced staff continues to help each swimmer thrive, and we're proud of all the progress we've made together.

This summer has had its challenges, especially with the Friendswood pool undergoing resurfacing. While it's been a little inconvenient, we're optimistic about the improvements coming our way, and we can't wait for our swimmers to benefit from a better facility in the future. We truly appreciate your patience and flexibility as we navigate these changes, and we're grateful for the ongoing support of all our families.

We want to extend a huge **THANK YOU** for all you do to help make Sharks Swim Club a success. We say every year, we couldn't run this team without the hard work of all our members, especially our amazing volunteers who go above and beyond. Your contributions make a huge difference.

Registration for Competitive program, Swim Fit Groups, and Masters is Now Open

We're excited to announce that registration is now open for our competitive, Masters, and Swim Fit groups! Please note the changes to group structures this year, so when registering your swimmer(s), please ensure you sign them up for the group your coach has assigned your swimmer to. If your coach has not contacted you, please reach out to your coach before registering.

You'll be required to read and sign several waivers during the registration process. While we've eliminated our COVID policy, we'll still maintain a Health Mitigation Policy in alignment with Friendswood ISD's guidelines. Since we use FISD facilities, our policies must match theirs, so please read through all the agreements carefully—there have been some updates that you'll want to be aware of.

Important Updates on Fees and Volunteer Hours

As a nonprofit organization, the Sharks board works hard to maintain financial responsibility, especially given the rising costs we've seen across the board. As a result, we've had to increase both our monthly and annual training fees. Your swimmer's USA Swimming registration fee is covered in the Sharks registration for competitive groups (Does not include Swim Fit), which will streamline the process for you.

In addition, the fundraising obligation has been increased to \$250. However, the required number of volunteer hours will remain the same, though you'll want to check for any changes based on your swimmer's group, as the restructuring may have affected this. Please review the updated volunteer hour requirements carefully.

Facility Update and August Training

We're still in communication with Friendswood ISD and are on track to return to the natatorium in late August. Swimmers will begin their return on a transitional basis, and there will be no training fees for August. Training fees will resume in September, and fundraising obligations will be processed on Sept 1.

Once again, a big **THANK YOU** for your ongoing support of the Sharks. We're looking forward to another amazing year ahead and can't wait to see all the growth and success that's in store!

A Note from Head Coach Clemons:

As we head into the 2025–2026 season, I want to express how proud I am of the direction this team is headed. It's been an exciting first year, and I'm incredibly grateful for the trust you've placed in our coaching staff to help guide your athletes both in and out of the water. We've laid a

strong foundation, and this next season presents an opportunity to take our program to the next level.

At SHARKS, we're committed to more than just fast swimming. We're building disciplined, resilient, and accountable young people. Excellence isn't something we hope for—it's something we pursue with intention, every single day. That means showing up, doing the work, and embracing the challenges that come along the way.

I believe in our team, I believe in the work we're doing, and I believe we are building something special.

Be Ready, Be Excited

LET'S GO SHARKS!

Thanks,

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Explanation of the Training Schedule

We will have a “revolving” schedule this season, which will allow the Head Coach to have more exposure to the team. The idea is that every 4th week of the month, the Challenge 2 and Expl Adv 2 groups will switch to Clear Springs, and the Senior Performance group will come to FHS. The first 3 weeks of each month (designated by the first Monday of each month) will be the normal schedule. For example, here is how September and October will operate:

Week of 9/1: Regular

Week of 9/8: Regular

Week of 9/15: Regular

Week of 9/22: Altered schedule with Chal 2 and Expl adv 2 switching with Sr Perf

Week of 9/29: Regular

Week of 10/6 (first Monday of the month): Regular

Week of 10/13: Regular

Week of 10/20: Regular

Week of 10/27: Altered schedule with Chal 2 and Expl adv 2 switching with Sr Perf

SHARKS SWIM CLUB Registration and Training Fees Fundraising and Service Obligation

FUNDRAISING

The annual family fundraising fee of \$250 will be invoiced to accounts on August 31 for payment on September 1 for all families with swimmers in Discovery Advance & Up. See policy on website for details.

SERVICE HOUR OBLIGATIONS

See the policy on the website for details - unmet hours will be invoiced at \$50/hour at the end of each season.

Training Group	Short Course(Aug-March)	Long Course(April-July)
All Groups (except Discovery Advance Mon/Wed & Tue/Thu, Pre-Team Mon/Wed & Tue/Thu, and Swim Fit)	15 hours	10 hours
Discovery Advance Mon/Wed & Tue/Thu	8 hours	5 hours
Discovery Pre-Team & Swim Fit Groups	Only if your swimmer attends meets and the family is assigned a job position	

Registration/ Monthly Training Fees/Annual Training Fees 2025-2026 Swim Year (Aug 2025-July 2026)

Annual training fees for the following training groups, and multiple swimmers' monthly training fee discounts are available. For Annual training fees, you must contact our Registrar:
sharksswimclub@yahoo.com prior to August 30, 2025.

Training Group (Discounts offered for multiple swimmers in a family)	Sharks' Registration Fee per swimmer	Monthly Training Fee (No training fee in August)	Annual Training Fees
Senior Performance	\$225	\$250	\$2,475.00
Senior 1 & 2	\$225	\$215	\$2,128.50
Challenge 1 & 2	\$225	\$185	\$1,831.50
Exploratory Advance 1 & 2	\$225	\$180	\$1,782.00
Exploratory	\$225	\$170	\$1,683.00
Discovery Advance Mon/Wed & Tue/Thu	\$225	\$140	\$1,386.00
Discovery-Pre Team Mon/Wed & Tue/Thu	\$150	\$130	none

Swim Fit Training Groups-No Fundraising Requirement. Service Hours are not required **unless** your swimmer participates in a swim meet. Volunteer positions may be assigned, and failure to show will incur a fine.

USA Swimming Membership - Swim Fit

Please note there will be an additional charge for the USA Swimming Membership fee. This fee varies by age and how long your swimmer participates in the year. The administrator will email you to discuss the best option for your swimmer.

Premium-\$100 13 & over

Seasonal- \$60 13 & over (150 days or less within a year)

Flex-\$30 12 & under

Swim Fit Discounts:

Discount for siblings is 5% for the 2nd swimmer; 10% for additional swimmers for each session.

Multiple Sessions: If your swimmer(s) swims more than one session from Fall, Winter I, Winter II, or Spring, you will receive a \$15 discount on additional sessions within the swim year. If you have more than one swimmer, you must contact the administrator to receive all discounts.

We will continue rewarding with a Bronze, Silver, or Gold swim cap for returning swimmers, for 2nd, 3rd, or 4th sessions, respectively

SWIM FIT SESSIONS		
Fall Session	September 8 - October 31 8-week program	\$305 plus USA Membership
Winter I Session	November 3 - December 19 7-week program (excluding holidays)	\$275 plus USA Membership
Winter II Session	January 12 - March 6 8-week program (Excluding MLK 1/20)	\$305 plus USA Membership
Spring Session	March 16 - May 1 7-week program	\$275 plus USA Membership
Summer Squad	May 11- July 24 11-week program (Excluding July 4th)	\$285 plus USA Membership

Masters Training Groups-Our Masters group allows for Coach-directed training for adult swimmers who may choose to swim for fitness or competitions with USMS or triathlon clubs.

Current USMS Membership is required in addition to the Sharks registration [HERE](#)

USMS is offering two great membership options:

1. ***Join*** at \$75 - membership expires December 31, 2025
2. ***Join*** at \$125 - membership expires December 31, 2026

SHARKS' MASTERS FEES		
Monthly Member	\$30 Annual Registration	\$100 Monthly
Punch Card Member	\$30 Annual Registration	\$135 for 12-visit punch card Expires 7/31/2026

To register for the competitive groups [HERE](#)

To register for Swim Fit groups [HERE](#)

To register for Masters [HERE](#)