



TJCC Stingrays Swim Team

USA REGISTRATION FALL 2008/2009*

*Please note: USA Swimming and SAAA are separate organizations with different registration requirements



*All swimmers who train with the TJCC Stingrays **must** be members of USA Swimming.*

*TJCC policy states that swimmers will not be allowed in the pool until Session training fees have been paid **AND** all USA registration forms are completed and received by the Team Registrar.*

If you are NEW to the TJCC Year-Round Team and NOT USA Registered, please:

- ✓ **1. Pay Session Training Fee at the JCC Sports and Fitness Desk.** Coaches will assign swimmers to training groups. This assignment affects the amount of training fees owed. See fee schedule below. Please note that training fees must be made payable to the JCC, not the swim team.
- ✓ **2. Complete the 2009 USA Athlete Registration Application (attached) & attach a copy of a BIRTH CERTIFICATE.** (2009 Form Attached). This completed form, birth certificate and applicable registration fee will be sent to the head USA Swimming registrar in Phoenix. Your swimmer will receive his/her membership card in the mail within 2-3 weeks of registering. A copy of the swimmer's passport may be submitted in lieu of a birth certificate. A swimmer registered for 2009 will have a 16-month USA membership (9/08 – 12/09).
- ✓ **3. Write a check payable to "TJCC Stingrays" (not the JCC!) for \$100/swimmer.** This money will be deposited into your swimmer's "MEAD" account (Meet Entry Account Deposit). Please write your swimmer's name and "MEAD" on the check memo line. This \$100 covers the cost of USA Registration (\$57) and the balance is used to pay for your swimmer's swim meet entry fees. See page 2 for additional information regarding MEAD accounts.
- ✓ **4. Place items 2 & 3 above in an envelope or clip together and put in the "REGISTRAR" folder** found in the swimmers' file box located in the swim office, or you may give it directly to Kyra Holtzman (team registrar) during swim practice. If the office is closed, please give all information to the Sports and Fitness staff and ask that it be put into the "Aquatics Box".

It takes 2-3 weeks to process a registration. Registrations WILL NOT be processed if any of the above items are missing when turned in. Incomplete paperwork/payment will prevent your child from participating on the team and becoming eligible for USA meets. QUESTIONS may be directed to Kyra Holtzman, Team Registrar, at 360.9065 or registrar@tucsonstingrays.com.

If you are a Current Stingray AND/OR 2008 Registered USA Swimming Member, please:

- U **1. Pay Session Training Fee at the JCC Sports and Fitness Desk.** Coaches will assign swimmers to training groups. The coaches will move your swimmer up to the next group when the swimmer is ready. This assignment affects the amount of training fees owed. See fee schedule below. Please note that training fees must be made payable to the JCC, not the swim team.
- ✓ **2. Complete a 2009 USA Athlete Registration Application (attached).**
- ✓ **3. Please verify amount of funds remaining in your MEAD Account.** Your MEAD account balance must be at least \$100 to cover the USA re-registration fee (\$57 year-round) and upcoming swim meet entry fees. Please email the Team Treasurer (Diane Diamond <DDiamond090@aol.com>) for your MEAD account balance. Write a check for additional funds made payable to "TJCC Stingrays" (not the JCC!). Please put your swimmer's name and "MEAD" in memo section of check.
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- ✓ **NOTE:** USA swimming Registration expires every year on DECEMBER 31st! Currently registered 2008 swimmers ARE ELIGIBLE to swim in 2008 meets, NOT 2009! **Swimmers MUST complete a 2009 USA Registration Application** if they plan on swimming anytime in 2009 (practice or meets). Due to the time and paperwork required to re-register the entire team, the **RE-REGISTRATION deadline is Oct. 24, 2008.**

If you are transferring from another USA swim team, please contact our Team Registrar, Kyra Holtzman, registrar@tucsonstingrays.com, for an Athlete Transfer Form. Please follow steps listed above for new members.

Short Course: Session I (Aug 18 - Dec 20*), Session II (Dec 21 – Apr 4*)

Long Course: Session III (Apr 5 – Aug 2*)

***Holiday closures to be announced at a later date**

TRAINING FEES***		
GROUP	TJCC MEMBER	TJCC NON-MEMBER
White	\$160	\$280
Blue	\$160	\$280
Silver	\$220	\$360
Pre-Gold/Gold	\$260	\$420

PRACTICE SCHEDULE**			
	MON-THURS	FRI	SAT
WHITE	3:45pm-4:30pm		
BLUE	3:45pm-4:45pm		
SILVER	3:45pm-5:00pm	3:45pm-5:00pm	8:00am-10:30am
PRE-GOLD/ GOLD	4:30pm-6:30pm	3:45 pm-5:15pm	8:00am-10:30am

*****TJCC Sports & Fitness policy – training fees WILL NOT be pro-rated**

****Training times subject to change**

Communication Good communication between the coaches, swimmers and families is vital to the success of our team. The coaches are available to talk with you before or after practice, but respectfully request that you do not disturb them during designated practice times. See below for other forms of team communication:

- **Stingrays Team Website** – www.tucsonstingrays.com Check our website for up-to-date team information, including meet schedules, meet entries, meet results, records, standards, travel information, announcements, etc.
- **Email** – Every swimmer/family **must** provide an email address on your USA registration form. Important reminders, notifications (pool closures, etc.) are sent via email. If you are a current registered team member and are not receiving team emails, please contact us via email at tjccstingrays@yahoo.com.
- **Swimmer Folder** – Each registered swimmer has a folder located in a file box in the swim office located next to the kids' locker rooms. Information is placed in this folder (e.g. meet ribbons, flyers, fundraising info, etc.). Please check this folder often.
- **Aquatics Bulletin Board** – Records, news articles and some announcements are occasionally posted on the Aquatics Board located on the wall near the girls' locker room across from the sports & fitness desk.
- **Swim Team Office Window** – Meet flyers are posted on the window.

Additional Information

- **Registration** – New USA registration cards will be sent by the Phoenix registrar to your swimmer's mailing address approximately 2-3 weeks after all required forms/payments are received. **ATTACH the laminated card to your swimmer's swim bag. IT IS REQUIRED that swimmers have this card with them at all USA meets!** If you haven't received confirmation of registration within 3 weeks of turning in your paperwork, please contact Kyra Holtzman (registrar@tucsonstingrays.com), our Team Registrar, to confirm your swimmer's eligibility to enter a meet. A swim cap will be given to each swimmer upon registration.
- **MEAD Account (Meet Entry Account Deposit)** – All swimmers must have funds deposited to cover the \$57 USA Registration fee. This account will need to be replenished to cover future meet entry fees. On average, a typical meet will cost approximately \$30/swimmer. A swimmer may not enter a meet if his/her account balance is below \$20. Diane Diamond, our Team Treasurer, will notify you when your swimmer's account balance is close to \$20. *If a swimmer decides to leave the Stingray swim team, a written request to withdraw and return any remaining MEAD account funds must be given to the Team Treasurer, Diane Diamond, within thirty (30) days of your swimmer's last practice or your MEAD account funds will be forfeited.*
- **Meet Entries** - If your swimmer wants to enter a meet, email your entries before the posted deadline to tjccstingrays@yahoo.com. Nichole Hocheder is the parent volunteer in charge of Team Entries. Only official USA results will be used to enter your swimmer in meets. No SAAA times can be used. Meet entries are paid for from your MEAD account. If funds in your MEAD account are insufficient your swimmer's entries will not be submitted. **Entry fees are non-refundable.** A \$5.00 charge plus any other applicable late fees will be deducted from your swimmer's MEAD account if an entry is submitted after our posted deadline and the entry is accepted by the meet host.

Parent Volunteers

- Team President – Nichole Hocheder tjccstingrays@yahoo.com
- Team Registrar – Kyra Holtzman registrar@tucsonstingrays.com
- Team Treasurer (MEAD account) - Diane Diamond DDiamon090@aol.com
- Meet Entries - Nichole Hocheder tjccstingrays@yahoo.com
- Website – Sam DeVore sdevore@teachesme.com

Coaches/TJCC Staff

- Head USA Coach Amy Behm aquacoach@gmail.com or tjccstingrays@yahoo.com 299-3000 #513 (cell 505-690-6781)
- Assistant USA Coach - Mike Lorimer mblorimer@gmail.com