



TJCC Stingrays Swim Team
USA REGISTRATION FALL 2009-2010*



*All swimmers who train with the TJCC Stingrays Team **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.

NEW MEMBERS of the TJCC Year-Round Team and NOT USA Registered, please:

- ✓ **1. Swimmer must schedule and attend a "try out" with the Coaching Staff (Tues/Thurs 4:00 p.m.)** Contact Coach Amy at 299-3000 x251 or tjccstingrays@yahoo.com to schedule. Swimmer will receive a signed enrollment form and color group assignment after the try out.
- ✓ **2. Pay Session Fees at JCC Sports and Fitness Desk.** Color group assignment determines 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.
- ✓ **3. Complete the 2010 USA Athlete Registration Application (attached) & attach a copy of the swimmer's BIRTH CERTIFICATE and a \$100 check payable to the TJCC Stingrays.** The completed form, birth certificate copy and registration fee will be sent to the head USA Swimming Registrar. Your swimmer will receive his/her membership card in the mail within 3-4 weeks of registering. A copy of the swimmer's passport may be submitted in lieu of a birth certificate. A swimmer registered for 2010 will have a 16-month USA membership (9/09 – 12/10). **PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT AN ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE.**
 - **Please note** that the \$100 check 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 (\$58) and the balance is used to pay swim meet entry fees. If you have more than one swimmer you can submit one check. See page 2 for additional information regarding MEAD accounts.
- ✓ **4. Place items listed in #3 above in the locked black box located on the filing cabinet in the lifeguard office.** Or, you may give it directly to Kyra Holtzman (team registrar) during swim practice.

It takes 3-4 weeks to process a registration. Registrations WILL NOT be processed if any of the above items are missing. 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.

RETURNING MEMBERS of the TJCC USA year-round team: please:

- ✓ **1. Pay Session Training Fee at 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 designation determines 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 2010 USA Athlete Registration Application (attached) and place in the black box in the lifeguard office** (or you may turn it in to Kyra Holtzman during practice.)
 - **NOTE:** USA swimming Registration expires every year on DECEMBER 31st! Currently registered 2009 swimmers ARE ELIGIBLE to swim in 2009 meets, but NOT 2010! **Swimmers MUST complete a 2010 USA Registration Application** if they plan on swimming anytime in 2010 (practice or meets). Due to the time and paperwork required to re-register the entire team, the **USA RE-REGISTRATION deadline is Oct. 31st, 2009.**
- ✓ **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 (\$58 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.

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 17 - Dec 31, 2009*)
Short Course: Session II (Jan 1-April 30, 2010*)
2 week Short Course break in April, dates TBA
Long Course: Session III (May 1 – Aug 31, 2010*)
***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	\$260	\$420
Gold	\$260	\$420
Platinum	\$280	\$440
Pre-Swim	\$250	\$350

PRACTICE SCHEDULE**				
	MON-THURS	FRI	SAT	
WHITE	4:00pm-4:45pm	//////////	//////////	
BLUE	4:00pm-5:00pm	//////////	//////////	
SILVER	4:00pm-5:15pm	4:00pm-5:15pm	8:00-9:30am	
PRE-GOLD**	5:00pm-6:30pm	4:00 pm-5:30pm	8:00-9:30am	
GOLD	5:00Ppm-7:00pm	4:00pm-5:30pm	8:00-10:30am	
PLATINUM	5:00Ppm-7:00pm	4:00pm-5:30pm	8:00-10:30am	
PRE-SWIM	MON/WED 4:00-4:45	August 17- Sept 30 Only		

Pre-Swim Aug 17-Sept 30 Only

TJCC Sports & Fitness Policy:
Training fees will not be pro-rated or refunded

****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.
- **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 tjcstingrays@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.

Additional Information

- **Registration ID Cards** – New USA registration cards will be sent to your swimmer's mailing address by the Phoenix registrar. **PLEASE 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 4 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.
- **MEAD Account (Meet Entry Account Deposit)** – All swimmers must have funds deposited to cover the \$58 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 tjcstingrays@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 meet host accepts the entry.

Parent Volunteers

- Team President – Nichole Hocheder tjcstingrays@yahoo.com; 520-490-3422
- Team Registrar – Kyra Holtzman registrar@tucsonstingrays.com; 520-360-9065
- Team Treasurer (MEAD account) - Diane Diamond DDiamon090@aol.com
- Meet Entries - Nichole Hocheder tjcstingrays@yahoo.com
- Website – Sam DeVore sdevore@teachesme.com

Coach Amy Behm Contact Information:

- Head USA Coach Amy Behm: tjcstingrays@yahoo.com 299-3000 #513 (mobile 505-690-6781)