



April 2, 2021

Dear Harper's Hurricanes Swim & Dive Team Families,

Hello and thank you for your interest in the Harper's Hurricanes Swim and Dive Team! We are still in the process of planning for our 2021 Summer season, and invite you to register for the 2021 Swim and Dive Team. At this point, we are not sure whether we will be operating under last Summer's COVID restrictions and policies, or something less onerous. We also do not know at this point whether we will be having home and away meets, or all virtual like our 2020 season.

We would like to thank all of you who rolled with all the changes, restrictions and protocols for practices and meets last Summer! We really appreciate it and hope that you all had as great a Summer as we did!

Since last season, we have made some changes – based both on need and based on your feedback from our annual surveys. What has changed?

- 1) Harper's will have a new head swim team coach, Brandon Williams. Brandon grew up swimming at Harpers, as you may notice his name on the team record board a few times. Brandon has coached for Montgomery Swim and Tennis Club, The Sycamore Flying Fish, The Cincinnati Marlins and Seven Hills High School. Brandon has a passion for swimming and looks forward to sharing that with you all this summer. The rest of the coaching staff is still being finalized.
- 2) Dave Wolkoff, our Head Dive Coach will be returning again this year.
- 3) Harper's switched leagues last Summer to the Private Pool Swim League (PPSL). We did so to meet a couple of very crucial needs for us moving forward
 - a. The PPSL incorporates diving and dive meets into its league, so that our swim and dive team will be unified and have meets on the same days, and against the same teams.
 - b. The PPSL season is a shorter 6-week season, from the beginning of June to mid-July every year.

The PPSL schedules its meets on Thursday evenings – with the dive meet beginning around 4 pm and the swim meet following diving at around 6:30 pm. At this point, we do not know what the season or championship meet will look like, but we and the PPSL remain committed to providing an opportunity for the kids to swim, dive, compete and have fun! More details to come about the PPSL, including the championship format, in a separate communication in mid-May.



- 4) Our cost structure is similar to last years. Registration is as follows:
 - a. First child - \$125
 - b. Second child - \$100
 - c. Third child - \$75
 - d. Families are capped at \$300 in registration fees – so if there are more than 3 children, the others are at no cost.
 - e. If not captured in the above, each child in the 15-18 age group - \$30
 - f. There will be a credit card processing fee of approximately \$4 per child (2.95% processing fee + \$0.30 transaction charge). If you prefer to pay by check or cash, please drop by The Club and ask the front desk to place that payment (with your information attached) in the swim/dive team folder.
 - g. Your child(ren)s registration includes both swim team and dive team – there is no separate or additional charge to participate in both activities.

- 5) We have switched websites for registration, volunteering and meet management. The site we have chosen is still under construction, but it will provide a more user-friendly experience. Please go to <https://harpershurricanes.swimtopia.com/>, and click the “Register Now!” button on the right side of the page to begin the registration process. If you know of others who are interested in joining the team, please forward them this email or the registration link. Please note, membership at The Club at Harper’s Point is required in order to be on the Hurricanes Team.

- 6) Some parents have volunteered to help fill some key positions on our Volunteer Parents Board:
 - a. Tabitha Gruber and Stacy Fossitt will be assuming the VP/Meet Director role this summer.
 - b. Jennifer Beyerbach will be assuming the Officials Coordinator role this summer.
 - c. The only available slot open on the Board is the Computer Coordinator – who will help to create and run the meets. This is a position that only operates during the season and does provide a discount on your family membership at The Club. Please email Steve Edmonson if interested.

- 7) Team suits are not required. If you are interested, the pictures are below. These are available at Swimville USA in Ft Thomas, Kentucky (859) 441-7946. Please refer to the Swimville USA form attached regarding sizing and how to order your suits. Please see below for pictures of the swim suites.





A MORE COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNICATION IS COMING, BUT THE TENTATIVE MEET SCHEDULE IS BELOW:

Swim & Dive Meet Schedule		
Date	Home/Away	Opponent
June 10 th	Away	Anderson Hills Swim Club
June 17 th	Away	Mt. Lookout Swim Club
June 24 th	Home	Three Rivers Swim Club
July 1 st	Home	Madeira Swim Club
July 8 th	Away	Kenwood Swim Club
July 11 th -17 th	Away	League Championships

Tentative Practice Schedules – Tentative Start Date: June 1st	
Swim Team	Dive Team
Monday-Friday	AM: Mon-Thur 9:30-11 (individual age group times TBA)
8:00-11:00am <i>Time slots vary based on age group</i>	PM: M/T/W 4:00-6:00 (individual age group times TBA)
	Saturday: 9-11 open practice
Please note that practice schedules may vary slightly based on number of participants and how many are in each age group. Swimmers/Divers enter for practice through the main Swim Club gate.	

We are a volunteer parent-run organization and will need everyone’s help to ensure the swim and dive meets run smoothly. We require parent/guardian/older sibling/babysitter/nanny/neighbor participation for each meet in which that your child(ren) participates. Please contact Steve Edmonson (swimming) or Kristan Mueller (diving) for further information or requirements.

Any questions, comments or concerns, please contact Steve Edmonson at edmo00@yahoo.com

Thank you and looking forward to a great Summer!

Sincerely,

The Parent’s Board