



Parent's Meeting
August 23, 2023
7 pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/dgg-uquq-cqp>

Or dial: (US) +1 573-755-0906 PIN: 236 172 342#

Welcome to all returning and new swimmers and their parents! Please use this presentation as a guide to help you with any questions you might have!



Agenda

- Staff (open volunteer positions)
- Coach Tyler Wyatt
- Team Website & Commit
- Registration & Payments
- Practice & Meet Gear (required gear, personalized caps & shirts)
- SafeSport
- Fundraising
- Meet Information
- Volunteer Requirements & USA Swimming Officials
- Questions



Coaches & other TSU team helpers

- Head Coach – Tyler Wyatt coaches@tsunamiswimming.org
- Assistant Coaches – Lisa Keyser, Andrew Maloney, Graham Schattgen
coaches@tsunamiswimming.org
- Fundraising Coordinators – *Open* fundraising@tsunamiswimming.org
- Officials Chair – Heather Crampton officials@tsunamiswimming.org
- Records and website content manager – *Open* (updates records, meets and website)
- Safe Sport Coordinator – Melissa Field safesport@tsunamiswimming.org
- Tsunami Administrator – Karen Tiberio admin@tsunamiswimming.org
- Social Events Coordinator – *Open* (helps with planning team activities)
- Volunteer Coordinator – *Open* (helps to assign timers for meets)
- FaceBook administrator – Laurie Carpenter
- Board of Directors – Danielle Cook, Heather Crampton, Stephanie Cronin, Lisa Keyser, Peter Maloney, Muffy Masterson, Liza Roos, Karen Tiberio, and Tyler Wyatt
board@tsunamiswimming.org



Commit and Tsunami Website

- The team will be using the Commit platform for payments and meet sign ups. This system will generate invoices for meets, allow online payments to be made (processing fees are included). Parents should be able to access financial information through this account. It will also be used to register for USA Swimming.
- The TSU website also provides a lot of information for new and returning parents. <https://tsunamiswimming.org/competitive-swim-team>
- Parents can also visit <https://tsunamiswimming.org/competitive-swim-team/parent-resources> for additional useful links and information.
- Please make sure you are signed up for [RainedOut](#). This is the texting service the team uses for notifications about practice cancellations due to weather conditions, etc. All parents (and swimmers with phones) are encouraged to sign up; you must sign up annually. **This is not a platform for regular communication.



Registration & payments

- All families (new and returning) MUST register for the team through COMMIT. [TSU Competitive Team Registration](#)
- See the website for information on how to register <https://tsunamiswimming.org/competitive-swim-team>
- All swimmers will receive a team cap and team shirt, included with the \$50 registration fee.
- All swimmers will need to register with USA Swimming. New swimmers **MUST** register by September 19, 2023. Returning swimmers have until December 31, 2023 to renew their registration. All swimmers should select the Premium membership. If you have problems with your USA Swimming Registration, contact Mary or Emily at businessoffice@virginiaswimming.org, you will get faster results.
- Program payments, meet fees, and any other team payments can be made 1 of 2 ways –
 1. On deck – place in an envelope with swimmer's name & reason for payment (check or cash – exact change). Place in the TSU box located on the pool deck. ****If you pay by check, you do not have to pay the service fees listed on the Commit generated invoice.**
 2. Through the portal on Commit (You will have to pay all service fees). ***We are NO longer using PAYPAL to accept team payments.***



Practice and meet gear!

- **Swim meets** – All swimmers should wear a TSU team cap (provided with registration). If you choose not to purchase a team suit through Sport Fair, please wear a black or red suit. A Sport Fair representative will be at practice during the month of September for swimmers to try on and/or purchase team suits. Exact date to be determined.
- All items for meets and practice can be purchased at our [Tsunami Swimoutlet Team Store](#). The team receives a % of all sales. You do not have to purchase a specific brand (ie. Speedo, TYR, Arena, Sporti, etc.), just the specific item.
- All swimmers should have 1 – 2 practice suits (jammers/briefs for boys & 1 piece suits for girls), goggles, and a cap (optional at practice, but strongly recommended). Remember to bring a water bottle and towel.
- **Practice gear** - See the next slide for items. Please label all items with your swimmer's name. Swimmers will not practice with any gear (kickboards, pull buoys, etc. for the first 2 weeks).



Practice gear and meet gear!

*Denotes required equipment; all others are optional, but recommended.

Novice	Intermediate	Junior	Senior
*kickboard	*kickboard	*kickboard	*kickboard
*pull buoy (junior size recommended for smaller swimmers)	*pull buoy	*pull buoy	*pull buoy
*floating fins	*floating fins	*short fins (new this season)	*short fins (new this season)
*water bottle	*water bottle	*water bottle	*water bottle
	*head swim snorkel	*head swim snorkel	*head swim snorkel
		*hand paddles	*hand paddles
Cap & goggles – optical/Rx goggles are available	Cap & goggles - optical/Rx goggles are available	Cap & goggles - optical/Rx goggles are available	Cap & goggles - optical/Rx goggles are available
Mesh bag to hold practice equipment	Mesh bag to hold practice equipment	Mesh bag to hold practice equipment	Mesh bag to hold practice equipment
Backpack, parka	Backpack, parka	Backpack, parka	Backpack, parka



Personalized Cap & Additional T-shirts

- **Personalized caps** – If you would like a cap with your swimmer's name on it, they are \$32 for a pair. They can only be ordered in sets of 2. The deadline to order is September 19, 2023 at 8 pm. Caps will take approximately 2 – 3 weeks to arrive.
 - Link to order customized or additional caps - [2023 - 2024 TSU Cap order form](#)
- **Additional team t-shirts** – If you would like to order team shirts for additional family members, the deadline to place your order is September 19, 2023 at 8 pm.
 - Please use this form to order [Additional team T-shirt order form](#)
- Payment for team shirts or caps can be made 1 of 2 ways –
 1. On deck – place in an envelope with swimmer's name & reason for payment (check or cash – exact change). Place in the TSU box located on the pool deck.
 2. Credit Card - An online invoice will be generated through Commit and sent to you (You will have to pay all service fees). We are **NO** longer using PAYPAL to accept team payments.



Tsunami SafeSport



- Melissa Field is the Tsunami SafeSport Coordinator.
- What is SafeSport? The [U.S. Center for SafeSport](#) (“the Center”), a separate, independent, organization that oversees all sexual misconduct reports in the Olympic and Paralympic Movement, created the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) to set a baseline for acceptable safety standards that limit one-on-one interactions between adults and minor athletes.
- SafeSport training - All trainings are either virtual meetings or online training courses. Dates and registration links for trainings will be posted on the team calendar.
 - At least 1 parent from each family **MUST** complete SafeSport Training.
 - **All swimmers ages 12 – 17** are required to Complete SafeSport athlete training.
 - All swimmers who are 18 and all non-athlete USA swimming members must complete Athlete Protection Training (APT). This course can be found on the USA Swimming page under education.
- Please review the [Tsunami SafeSport](#) page to ensure you have read, signed and returned all documents marked with an *.



Team Fundraising

- **Fundraising obligation** – Part of the team contract includes fundraising. To help offset the cost of the pool rental and coaches' travel expenses, team families commit to raising **\$200.00 in funds each year for the first swimmer, and \$40.00 for each additional swimmer**. This is **in addition** to your team program fees and meet fees. All fundraising \$ is due, paid in full, by **Friday, May 3, 2024**.
- Ways to fulfill your obligation – (1) RaiseRight (2) Direct Payment (3) Combination of RaiseRight and payment
- What is **RaiseRight**? [RaiseRight](#) an online gift card service where you earn a % of your purchase, which is applied to your fundraising obligation. It is simple to use, and in most cases, purchases are available within 1 – 2 minutes on your phone. There are over 600 retailers participating. Physical gift cards can be purchased once a month through the organization or you may have them sent directly to your home. ***There will not be any cards kept in stock this season.*
 - The Tsunami Team enrollment code is: **4C3347f11L595**
 - Watch this video on how to use the RaiseRight App. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c-v65F0xr2c>
 - Team bulk orders will be placed on the 2nd Sunday of each month, beginning in October, with the final order placed the last weekend in April.
- We also plan to have team spirit nights at restaurants and a possible Lap A Thon.
- See the website for more information [Team Fundraising](#).



Meet Information

- [Meet Schedule](#) can be found on the website. **Meets may be added or deleted at any time.
- Meet sign-ups should be done through your Commit account. Pay attention to the deadline to register.
- Please read the meet announcement carefully. The announcement lists events on specific days, meet fees, location, and other important information.
- **MEET FEES** –
 - All meet fees should be paid within 10 days of the completion of the meet.
 - If your swimmer is unable to swim in a meet that he/she signed up to participate in (and the coach is unable to remove him/her because the deadline has passed), you **ARE STILL responsible for the meet fees.**
 - There will be a \$5 TSU surcharge for each meet/swimmer.
 - An invoice for meet fees will be generated through Commit. Payment can be made 1 of 2 ways:
 1. On deck – place in an envelope with swimmer's name & reason for payment (check or cash – exact change). Place in the TSU box located on the pool deck. **If you are paying by check, do NOT include the service fees listed on the Commit generated invoice.
 2. Credit Card - An online invoice will be generated through Commit and sent to you (You will have to pay all service fees). We are **NO** longer using PAYPAL to accept team payments.



Volunteer Requirements & Officials

- **Volunteer requirement** – Each meet our team participates in is required to provide lane timers, as assigned by the host team. Tsunami divides the timing sessions between families, trying to minimize one person having to time the entire session. Timing assignment slots will be sent out about three days before the meet, depending on when host team assigns. If slots are not filled by the Thursday prior to the meet, they will be assigned.
- **USA Swimming Officials** – Heather Crampton is the TSU Officials Chair. VA Swimming guidelines are one certified official for every 10 registered swimmers. Becoming an official is a great opportunity to get involved in the swimming world! It is a great opportunity. Reach out to Heather for more information at officials@tsunamiswimming.org.





Questions?

Thank you for attending the TSU Parent's meeting. If you have any questions after tonight, please feel free to email:

[Administrative Questions](#)

Or

[Coaching Questions](#)

Make sure to check your email box for more information. See you at the pool, starting September 5, 2023.

**An additional evaluation session has been added to the calendar for Monday, August 28, from 6 – 7 pm at St. Michael, if you are unsure of which practice group to register your swimmer.