

POWER NEWS

Sept 7, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES:

Sept 8 – Welcome Back party. \$5 per person. **NO REGULAR PRACTICE**

Sept 15 – October meet entries due

Sept 30 – All equipment should be purchased by this date; see website for list

LIGHTNING PRACTICE CHANGE

We **have added in a Wednesday practice option**. Lightning 2 practice now will be offered all five days per week. You may still attend only 4 sessions in a week, but this change will hopefully give you added flexibility in managing your swimmer's schedule.

WELCOME BACK PARTY

Our Welcome Back Party is Friday, Sept 8th from 5 PM to 7 PM at the Creekstone pool, 22002 Eagle Meadow Drive in Katy. This party is for competitive team swimmers only. Siblings are welcome to attend but only registered swimmers (with PFL or Shark School) may enter the water. We will not have lifeguards. The price is \$5 per person and includes a slice of pizza, a drink, chips, and a cookie. *Please RSVP by Sept 7:* <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4BAAAE22A0FE3-welcome4>

There will be a parent meeting/meet-the-coach held in the clubhouse starting at 5:30 PM. And, we will start taking entries for the October meet via our simplified electronic form.

OCTOBER MEET

Our first open meet of the season will be on October 14&15 at Lone Star Swim Team (LSST), Cy Ranch High School. Entries due Sept 15.

We are streamlining the entry process this year:

1. Parents fill in the electronic form. We will provide a QR code link. Swimmers will not be able to choose events until we have this form. You will have an opportunity to review events before the final submittal to the host team. ****Do Not Skip This Step**** *We will not accept meet fees or allow swimmers to pick events until we have this form. Think of it as a permission slip for a field trip.*
2. Coaches pick events with swimmers. As the forms are returned, coaches will start working with swimmers to pick events. Coaches have final say.
3. Parents pay meet fees. Meet fees must be paid before the events are sent to the host. Late fees will apply if this deadline is missed.

USA SWIMMING

We will begin registering for the 2023-24 season next week.

- If you are a **returning swimmer** on the competitive team, you will be invoiced for \$98 for a Premium Athlete registration. Returning Shark School swimmers are Flex Athletes at \$30. Invoices will go out Sept 15th. PFL will register swimmers in bulk, please do not do this yourself.
- If you are **new to the team**, you must create a parent account with USAS and register your swimmer individually. New links will be available next week, I will send out an email.

COMMUNICATIONS NOTE: We are discontinuing the Shark School phone and email, and Coach Sharon will no longer receive team communications. Please be sure to update your contacts.

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