

Montpelier Marlins Swim Team – 2022 Season

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How and when can I register my child?

A: Registration will open in mid-May and will be posted on the Montpelier Community Association (MCA) website at <https://montpelieronline.org/swim-team>. If you have received this document in response to an email inquiry, your contact information has been added to our distribution list and you will be notified via email once registration is live.

Q: Who is eligible to participate on the team?

A: Our program is open to swimmers ages 5-18. All swimmers must have basic water safety skills. Younger swimmers should also be potty trained and demonstrate the ability to comply with instruction from our coaching staff. As a community pool, our priority is to serve the Montpelier neighborhood; however, we offer several programs to accommodate the friends and families of our residents. In order to join the team, swimmers must: 1) be a resident of the Montpelier community; 2) be the holder of an Extended Family pass with the Montpelier Community Association; or 3) be an adopted swimmer sponsored by a family who resides in the Montpelier Community through our “Adopt-A-Swimmer program, outlined on page four of this document. Finally, all swimmers must agree to the “Swimmer Participation Agreement, outlined on page five of this document.

Q: Does my child need to know how to swim already?

A: No! In fact, many of our advanced swimmers first learned to swim as a result of joining our team. If you're unsure about your child's swim ability, please register and bring them to the first practice. Our coaching staff will give them an evaluation at the pool.

Q: Is there a pre-team for younger swimmers or non-swimmers?

A: No. Whether you have a younger swimmer or non-swimmer, they will still be a part of our broader team! They will also receive special instruction from our coaching staff to help them grow their swimming ability.

Q: What is the time commitment?

A: Our swim season is eight weeks long. All swimmers are asked to attend at least three practices each week and at least two meets during the season. Meets are held on Saturday mornings from 9a - noon beginning June 11 - July 30. You will be asked to indicate any scheduling conflicts during our online

registration process. Practice is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, May 31 through Friday, July 29, and will be held in both the morning (five days a week) and in the evenings (at least twice a week) to accommodate various schedules. You will be made aware of our practices days and times during the registration process.

Q: What is the cost for registration?

A: We are committed to offering a high-quality swim program at an affordable cost. Montpelier residents and Extended Families (those who have purchased Extended Family passes through the MCA) may register for the swim team at reduced cost. The registration fee includes a one-time \$35 concession fee, which helps defray the cost of refreshments provided during home meets. 100 percent of revenue from concessions goes back into the Montpelier Marlins team. Those who live outside of the Montpelier neighborhood are eligible to join the swim team through our “Adopt-A-Swimmer” program provided they register through a host family that is in good standing with the MCA (with no outstanding homeowner’s fees or AACCC violations.) Adopted swimmers must pay the registration fee and concession fee, in addition to a \$50 adopted swimmer fee, per swimmer. See below for a full breakdown of fees.

Registration Fees for Montpelier Residents + Extended Families			
Number of Children	Registration Fee	Concession Fee	Total Resident Fee
1 child	\$95	\$35	\$130
2 children	\$125	\$35	\$160
3 children	\$150	\$35	\$185
4 or more children	\$175	\$35	\$210

Registration Fees for Adopted Swimmers				
Number of Children	Registration Fee	Concession Fee	Adopted Swimmer Fee*	Total Fee
1 child	\$95	\$35	\$50	\$180
2 children	\$125	\$35	\$100	\$260
3 children	\$150	\$35	\$150	\$335
4 or more children	\$175	\$35	\$200	\$410

Q: How can I find out more information about the “Adopt-A-Swimmer” program?

A: Please reference page four of this document for more information.

Q: What else will my child need for the team?

A: In addition to the cost of registration, swimmers will need to purchase swim uniforms, swim caps, a water bottle, a towel and goggles. More information will be made available about the kind of uniforms that are needed during the registration process.

Q: What if I register my child and they don’t like the program, or we decide it’s not a good fit for our family?

A: We offer a two practice grace-period. If your child does not want to continue in the program after the first two practices, we will return your registration fee.

Q: I have a child with special needs. Can they still participate?

A: We prioritize creating an inclusive environment that accommodates all children. Last year, our team included several children with special needs. If your child has special needs, please make us aware when you register. We will try our best to be as accommodating as possible.

Q: Who runs the Montpelier Swim Team?

A: The team is managed by a paid coaching staff with oversight from a committee of dedicated volunteers and parents.

Q: Who can I contact if I have questions during the season?

A: The Montpelier Marlins Swim Committee has designated Christina Kposowa as this season’s Parent Liaison. Should you have a question during the season, please contact Christina via email at christinamkposowa@gmail.com or by phone at (301) 742-7067.

2022 Adopt-A-Swimmer Program & Policies

A resident Montpelier family, who is in good standing (with no outstanding homeowner's fees or AACC citations) may recruit swimmer(s) for the Montpelier Marlins Swim Team from outside the Montpelier community through the "Adopt-A-Swimmer" program.

The "Adopt-A-Swimmer" program requires the adopted family to pay the swim team registration fee for their swimmer(s) plus an additional \$50 adoption fee per swimmer. Payment is due at the beginning of the swim season.

- Adopted swimmers 11 and older will be allowed to enter the Montpelier pool grounds during swim practices and during regular pool hours so long as they are with the Montpelier host family. The host family does not need to use a guest pass for an adopted swimmer.
- Adopted swimmer(s) 10 and younger must be accompanied by a family member and/or an adult member of the Montpelier host family to enter the pool during regular hours. The Montpelier host family does not need to use a guest pass for the adopted swimmer, but will need to use a guest pass for any accompanying family members of the adopted swimmer.

The adopted swimmer must be in good standing as determined by the Montpelier Marlins Swim Team Committee Chairperson and coaching staff. Good standing is defined as follows:

- Attend at least two swim meets during the season
- Attend the number of swim practices required by the coaching staff
- Obey Montpelier pool rules
- Behave in compliance with coaches' expectations

An adopted swimmer's privilege to enter the Montpelier pool grounds with the host family without using a guest pass can be revoked if the swimmer does not fulfill the above requirements.

**Note: All adopted families will need to submit an additional form indicating their understanding of these rules in addition to their registration.

2022 Montpelier Marlins Swimmer Participation Agreement

Liability Waiver

I/we hereby certify that the swimmer(s) registered on this form is/are physically capable of swimming with the Montpelier Marlins Swim Team. By checking this box, I hereby release the Montpelier Marlin Swim Team, the Montpelier Marlin coaches, the Montpelier Community Association and Lighthouse Pool Management, Inc. and/or anyone directly or indirectly involved with this program from any liability and/or medical payments sustained through my child(ren)'s participation in this program.

Commitment to Attend Practices & Meets

I/we agree to ensure that my swimmer(s) attend(s) practice regularly and participates in swim meets. The Swim Team counts on each swimmer's participation in all meets. We realize families may have an annual summer vacation during the swim team season. However, we request that your swimmer(s) participate in at least 2 meets and team fundraisers. I/we understand and agree each swimmer must come to Meets and Practices with their suit ON and bring their own equipment to practices and meets. (There will be no sharing of goggles, swim caps, water bottles, or towels.)

Media Consent Release

I/we give permission for pictures, video and/or audio recordings of my child(ren) taken during swim practices, swim meets or swim events to be used (with no name) for swim team promotion including the local newspaper, Montpelier Newsletter, Marlin Swim Team Website and/or incorporated in the slide presentation throughout the swim season. (Parents/guardians who do not wish their swimmer(s) to be photographed, filmed and posted online should notify the Team Manager in writing.) The Montpelier Marlin Swim Team has no control over the use of photographs, film or audio recordings taken by media that may be covering a swim meet in which your swimmer(s) participate(s).

Agreement to COVID Protocols

I/we agree to abide by the COVID protocols set forth by the Montpelier Marlin Swim Team and any facility we visit. Protocols may include social distancing at meets and practices, health checks, and the use of masks. (Each pool within the League is a private pool and can set their own protocols/procedures.) I/we understand and agree all swimmers will be assigned a practice lane and the swimmer must stay in their lane and follow the coaches' instruction to make sure everyone is social

distancing and staying safe. Swimmers and/or parents who cannot abide by these rules will be asked to leave the practice.