

# Charlotte Tiger Sharks

## Fall and Winter Tiger Sharks Information 2021-2022

### Who Are the Tiger Sharks?

The Tiger Sharks are a competitive Swim team which competes in the Michigan Team Swim League during the fall, winter, and spring months. The club's mission is to provide the best opportunity for growth--personally, physically, and competitively, for boys and girls through the sport of swimming.

### Is my child ready? Is this a good time to start?

Any child who can swim one length of the pool on their front and back unassisted may participate in Tiger Sharks. Like anything else, athletes need to learn to walk before they run, and with swimming it's no different. While there are certainly swimmers on the team who can swim fast, we will take time to focus on technique, learning skills, and having fun. The "Championship" season for Tiger Sharks is in the fall, winter, and early spring. Typically our swimmers range in age from 6-14, but we do have swimmers from 5-18.

### Practices:

This fall, practices will be on Tuesday and Thursday, based on which school you go to.

4th grade and up: 3:45 - 5:00

1st - 3rd grades: 4:45 - 5:30 (bussing provided)

You are welcome to watch practices, but please do so from the bleachers and not the pool deck. Your help on this is appreciated.

### Who will be coaching my swimmer?

Coach Julie Davis is in charge of the program and will begin coaching once CHS Varsity Swimming season is completed in November. Until then, Abby Pardick will be coaching this season and Wesson Poole will be assisting. Abby will be your first point of contact if you have any questions once the season is up and running. Until then, please call the office and Julie or Jamie will help you. Once the season has started, please talk to the coach either before or after practice. During practice she will be busy working with and focusing on the swimmers. You may also email her at

[pardica@charlottenet.org](mailto:pardica@charlottenet.org).

### **How can parents, grandparents, and guardians help?**

The Tiger Sharks try to support and develop a healthy work ethic as well as personal development in our athletes. One key component a parent can help with is having your swimmer arrive to practice on time--early is even better. Helping your swimmer make healthy food choices that will fuel their practices is also helpful. Getting lots of rest is beneficial to all athletes and students. We also need helpers at meets to be timers as well, we appreciate all the help we can get.

### **What gear will my swimmer need?**

Your swimmer will need a suit, cap, goggles, and a towel. One piece swimsuits for girls please and boys can wear trunks or jammers. There will be a team suit available to purchase for meets.

### **Will my swimmer have meets?**

Your swimmer will have several opportunities to compete in meets. Meet participation is strongly encouraged, but not required. Meets are a great way to have fun and track progress. Tiger Sharks participate in one or two meets each month with local teams. A meet schedule will be sent home with your swimmer once it is finalized.

### **Middle School Swim Team:**

The middle school swim team will be a branch of the Tiger Sharks this year. This will be for students in grades 6-8. Tiger shark members that are in grades 6-8 will have additional meet opportunities between Thanksgiving and mid February. Beginning Tiger Sharks now will give middle school swimmers and jump on the season so they are ready.

### **What costs are involved in Tiger Sharks?**

Initial Membership fee paid once a year in September.		\$25.00
Paid up front in full.		
Aquatic Center 3 month Membership	\$67.65 total	\$22.00 mo
Monthly Dues		\$55.00 mo

### **How do I sign my swimmer up?**

You can sign your swimmer up online at [registration.swimcharlotte.org](http://registration.swimcharlotte.org) or by calling the Charlotte Aquatic Center office at 517.541.5740.