

Welcome to the
MONTCLAIR YMCA DOLPHINS SWIM TEAM TRYOUTS

PLEASE READ THIS SHEET THOROUGHLY FIRST! !

Please pick up one blue athlete information card and one pink event tryout card for each swimmer attending tryouts. If more than one swimmer from the same family is trying out, separate forms for each swimmer needs to be filled out.

- 1. Please fill out the pink event tryout card with the swimmer's name, phone number, birth date and age as of December 1 only (leave all else blank) and hand them back in to the people at the registration table on the pool balcony. If there is an event/stroke that a child is unable to do, do not worry about it. We are judging the swimmers by what they can do.**

***The pink event cards must be completed and handed in before the swimmer goes to the pool for try-out.**

- 2. Please fill out the blue tryout application card (both sides) as completely as possible. The more information (e.g., previous best times) you can supply, the better!**

***The blue application form(s) must be completed and handed in before leaving today.**

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Each child will be observed and timed in each of the events that they are able to swim - there should be ample rest between each event. We are evaluating each tryout candidate based on how well the strokes are performed, "potential" (from coaches' observations), speed (actual times), and any additional pertinent information that we find on the application forms. Our goal is to place each tryout candidate into one of the YMCA's many aquatic programs (pre-competitive, competitive and instructional) with level appropriateness being the main objective.

Notification of placement will be made on Sunday 9/10/06 by 6:00PM. We will post this information on both the tryout page of the team website as well as on the team bulletin board that is located on the pool balcony. Detailed practice schedules and practice start dates will be on the website. Please e-mail Brian Greene your intention by 9/15 at b.greene@montclairymca.org and cc. jpsiegelnj@aol.com

Thank you for your interest - good luck and have fun!

The Montclair YMCA Coaching Staff

IMPORTANT DATES:

Send Brain Greene your intention of participation ASAP and no later than 9/15

New Parents Meeting (not for clinic) will be Friday 9/15 at 6:00PM at the YMCA.

1st Payment due (to reserve your spot) by 9/15 for new swimmers.

Team Suit Sale will take place on Wednesday 9/20 and – Check website for more details and other options

Clinic Parents Meeting on 9/24 at 2:45 PM on Pool Balcony

Clinic Fees: \$275 is due to the front desk by 9/24 c/o Faith Mazur

Team Red and Black Scrimmage/ Time Trial to determine dual meet team placement for A, B or Coed rosters will take place the weekend of October 14th and 15th. Please check the website for more details and specifics.

General Parents Meeting (not for clinic) is tentatively set for Wednesday 10/18 at the 7:00 PM at the Y. We will post specifics on the website.

Practice Start Up Dates – Practice Schedule has been posted to the website:

First Practice for Pre-Senior, Senior 1 and National is 9/11

First Practice for Senior 2 is 9/13

First Practice for All other competitive groups is 9/18

First Practice for Little Dolphins and Stroke of Genius is 9/24

Pre-Senior, Senior 1, Senior 2 and National have a meeting on Wednesday 9/13 – all swimmers will meet on large pool balcony ready to swim at 6:30

Once placed on the team or in the clinics, it will be your responsibility to read the **team handbook** and sign a **code of conduct**, both of which will be available on the website.

All **communications** are initiated by the website. We will do our best so that people may be able to access all vital team info from home, work or school. When necessary, we will post notice on the website that information which needs to be distributed manually will be in the family files which are located on the pool balcony. Get in the habit of checking www.montclairmcaswimming.com at least twice a week and more often when there is a lot going on.

We would like everyone to be on our **e-mail communication list**. You can be added to that list by e-mailing Jon Siegel at jpsiegelnj@aol.com and please cc. Brian Greene at b.greene@montclairymca.org