



Rama Swim Team Information - 2022

Welcome to the Rama Pirates for 2022. My name is **Holly Millard-Burns**, I have been the Rama Swim Team Manager for two years and trained under Ms. Emra Hopkins. Our 2020 season was very nontraditional and consisted of swim clinics only thanks to COVID. Our 2021 season was much more fun, we held virtual swim meets against the other teams, but in a very safe manner. It was a lot of fun and we ended up the league champions. This virtual swim season was made possible by the software we use, Swimmingly.

Our season will start on **Monday, May 9th** with afternoon practices until the CMS school year is over. Our first swim meet will be on **Monday, June 6th**. Please see the published schedule on our ramaswimclub.com website for the practice times, and swim meet dates and times.

We will host several parent meetings prior to the start of swim season. Please watch the Ramagram for the dates and time. These will be Zoom meetings so everyone can see and hear well, but also ask questions in the chat. Schedule should be in the two weeks of April.

You can sign your child up for the swim team on the Rama website (go to <https://www.ramaswimclub.com/member-resources> > click on PAY DUES > sign into your account > click on the word *Memberships* and choose Swim Team Registration) Please note you may only sign up one child at a time. Select your swimmer's name in the FIRST drop down, then REMOVE the other names.

We will return to home and away swim meets and this year we will host 4 of the 7 meets. ***We will need volunteer parents!!*** I believe this will be a fantastic year, having waded through some stormy years and we are ready for in person, healthy competition! Should any new health mandates be put in place, we already know how to have a great season and take care of our swimmers, so never fear.

In 2021, we had a HUGE team of 137 swimmers! Because the season was virtual, we were able to do some unconventional things and had a lot of latitude so all swimmers could have fun amidst all the COVID. In 2022, League rules will be back in full force, required to be followed and enforced.. The League rules will be posted on the swim page of the Rama website in the coming weeks.

Please go to <https://www.ramaswimclub.com/swim-team> and sign the Medical Release form for EACH swimmer, PRIOR to our first practice, May 9th. Your child WILL NOT be allowed in the water without this form being filled out and signed by a parent.

We are hiring coaches too! If you have a teen that is a great swimmer, works well with kiddos, has a teachable spirit and likes to help and coach others - please send an email to me (Holly) at RamaPirates@gmail.com. See the job descriptions on our swim webpage. I will be hosting interviews for these positions. I am excited to give these young people an opportunity to start learning how to sell themselves in the working world as fabulous employee recruits.

More info to come!