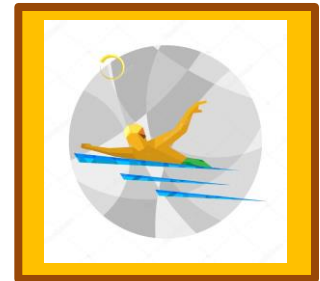


POWER NEWS


Important Notes:

- Sept 27th No practice due to THS meet; No Shark School
- Sept 28th **T30**; Sign-ups start Sept 19th; bring your own counter
- Oct 1st T30 Make-up 5 – 6 pm only; bring your own counter
- Oct 6th/7th Open Meet @ Dad’s Club, Emmons Natatorium,
- Oct 8th No Practice; Columbus Day & Canadian Thanksgiving!



November Team Travel Meet – There will be information on the website this week. This is a 14 & Under meet in Lufkin. We will need an idea of who might want to attend before we can get a firm quote on costs.



MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
24 FALL Schedule	25 FALL Schedule	26 FALL Schedule	27 NO PRACTICE – No SHARK SCHOOL TAYLOR AQUATICS MEET	28 FALL Schedule T30	29/30
1 FALL Schedule T30 Make-up All swimmers must have equipment today	2 FALL Schedule	3 FALL Schedule	4 FALL Schedule	5 FALL Schedule	6/7 OCTOBER OPEN MEET
8 NO PRACTICE Happy Canadian Thanksgiving, eh! 	9 FALL Schedule	10 FALL Schedule	11 FALL Schedule	12 FALL Schedule NOVEMBER MEET ENTRIES DUE	13/14
15 FALL Schedule	16 FALL Schedule	17 FALL Schedule	18 FALL Schedule	19 FALL Schedule	20/21

October Open Meet / IMX Meet Oct 6/7

At Dad’s Club/Emmons Natatorium

See our website for meet announcement and order of events.

WE WILL HAVE A HUGE TIMING REQUIREMENT FOR THIS MEET. EVERYONE WILL HAVE TO TAKE MULTIPLE TURNS.

Final entries posted online. Look on the Members Portal.

Pay by check or PayPal

\$80 per day now

Please note – all payments are non-refundable (per Gulf Swimming Rules)

A Note from Laura Freeman, Volunteer Coordinator/Meet Director For the April Open Meet PFL will host.

Thank you to those that attended the parent meeting on Saturday. It was really hot, so I appreciate your willingness to hang in there!

To recap, Power will be hosting a swim meet for swimmers ages 14 and under in April of 2019. **It will only be one day** with sessions in the morning and afternoon (this is an update from Saturday's meeting). Just like any other type of swim meet, volunteers are crucial to executing a successful meet. Since this will be a USA Swimming sanctioned meet, there are a few extra steps that our volunteers need to go through in advance to prepare for the meet.

USA Swimming requires every adult on the pool deck to have been through a **background check**, even those volunteering. Many positions that we need to fill for our meet will require volunteers to be on the pool deck. Many positions also require certification by USA Swimming. We need multiple volunteers certified in different positions so that we can share the volunteer requirements and keep the USA Swimming sanction. The following positions require certification by USA Swimming to run a meet -

- **Meet Referee** - full authority over the actual conduct of the meet
- **Administrative Referee/Official** - full responsibility for the dry side of the meet (need at least 4 all day Saturday and Sunday so more would allow people to take shifts)
- **Meet Director** - general coordination of the meet
- **Safety Marshal** - enforces the warm-up procedures and maintains order in the venue
- **Entry Chair** - receives and inputs the entries for the meet
- **Computer Operator** - runs the software, including seeding and printing results
- **Colorado Timing System Operator** - controls the CTS console and timing system
- **Clerk of Course** - receives on-deck entries and maintains control over the event entries
- **Ready Area Marshals** - controls the area behind the starting blocks
- **Chief Timer** - maintains control over lane timers and starts 2 backup watches on each race

All of these positions need certification by USA Swimming. Part of the certification process is **shadowing** during a USA Swimming meet. Dad's Club, host of the October meet, is willing to allow us to shadow them during the October meet. **If you are interested in serving in one of the above positions, a background check will need to be on file with USA Swimming as soon as possible. Here is a link for the background check - <https://www.usaswimming.org/background-checks>.** There is a cost associated with the background check. If you would like to be reimbursed for the cost, Sharon has agreed to reimburse anyone who participates in the meet in April, so save your receipt.

Please fill out this google form with your interests, <https://goo.gl/forms/8WMcrZV69mC2i4PY2>. The April Meet will be an all hands on deck meet, meaning every parent will be expected to volunteer. Since this is a 14 and under meet, all 14 and up swimmers will also be volunteering.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Mary, our Team Manager, or me at lauraeffiscool@gmail.com.

Thanks in advance for your help!

Laura Freeman
Thunder 3 parent

Many thanks to Laura Freeman, Cherie Duddridge, Shiva Kolli, and Neil Sood who have already stepped up to take lead roles in our April meet. Be sure to fill out that Google doc referenced above – if you have a desire to help, we will train you and support you every step of the way. Lead volunteers will receive a complimentary and VERY COOL bright yellow PFL shirt to wear on deck at the meet. We can't make this meet a success without YOU!! Thank you!!