

2026-27 TKA KNIGHTS SWIM TEAM INFORMATION SHEET

The King's Academy Knights swim team is a competitive middle and high school swim team that strives to promote an atmosphere of team unity. To achieve this goal, team members must commit to the TKA Knights swim team program for the entire season, including attendance at practices and meets. All team members are expected to abide by the swim team attendance policies below.

PRACTICE LOCATION & SCHEDULE

Cherokee County Aquatic Center, 1200 Wellstar Way, Canton

Monday-Friday from 7:30–9:00 am (on time to practice means ready and in the water at 7:30 *am*).

Note: Practice times over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays will vary depending on pool and coaching availability.

The King's Academy Swim team season runs October 1st, 2026 through February 6th, 2027.

SWIM MEETS (subject to additional meets)

November 14th @ CCAC hosted by TKA

December 11th @ CCAC hosted by TKA

January 9th @ CCAC hosted by TKA

January 16th @ CCAC hosted by TKA

January 30th @ CCAC hosted by JFCA

February 6th GAPPS Championship, Cumming Aquatic Center

EVALUATIONS & UNIFORM FITTING

Cherokee County Aquatic Center during practice time

Evaluations: Thursday, October 1st at 7:30-9:00

Suit tryon: October 8th, CCAC, 9:00am

MINIMUM SWIM REQUIREMENTS

Participants should be able to swim two laps of freestyle and backstroke without stopping and have some understanding of the butterfly and breaststroke.

REGISTRATION

All new and returning swimmers are REQUIRED to register at: <https://registration.teamsnap.com/form/76546>



PROGRAM PARTICIPATION FEES

\$525 Season Registration fee includes a swim team t-shirt and sweatshirt.

All registrants may either pay in full via ACH or Credit Card or select the payment plan. The payment plan will automatically charge your credit card the same day each month until all installments are completed.

Swimmers have the option to be issued a parka for the season. Rather than collecting a \$125 Parka deposit check, families will be invoiced at the end of the season for a lost or damaged parka.

Equipment to be purchased by parent: Goggles, kickboard, long fins, competitive swimsuit for practice, team suit for meets.

Photos will be included in your registration fee. Each athlete will have an individual and team photo taken. The \$12 designated for photos in your registration fee will provide you with 1 5x7 individual photo, 1 5x7 team photo, and a digital image of your athlete. Each team's committee will have access to the digital images to use for the year end banquet, awards and any other needs.

SPORTS PHYSICALS & FORMS

Students are **REQUIRED** to have a current physical form on file in the Athletic Department prior to participating in evaluations that indicates that the student is physically approved for participation.

Athletic Policy on Physicals: Physical forms must be valid for the entire sports' season. Students will be asked to provide a current physical form if it expires at any time during the season. If your child receives a physical after April 1st, it will be good for the entire following school year.

If you are unsure whether your physical is current, please contact Roni Redd
rredd@thekingsacademy.org

Participants must turn in the following forms to the Athletic Department by September 29th. All forms can be found at <https://www.thekingsacademy.org/athletics/Forms.cfm>
Submit Annually

- ☐ Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation form (current and signed by a physician; not a camp physical form).

Submit One Time

- ☐ Birth Certificate (New athletes only)
- ☐ High School Affidavit of Eligibility (New HS athletes 9-12th)
- ☐ Middle School Affidavit of Eligibility (New MS athletes 6-8th)
- ☐ GAPPS Concussion Acknowledgement Form (New MS athletes & all HS athletes)
- ☐ GAPPS Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Form (New MS athletes & all HS athletes)
- ☐ HS AES: Senior Exit form (AES seniors only)

AES/HOMESCHOOLED ATHLETES MUST BE APPROVED PRIOR TO TRYOUTS:

- ☐ Refer to separate AES Approval Process Document (also found on forms website).

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attending practice is mandatory and swimmers should strive to practice with the TKA swim team no less than 3 out of 5 practices a week. Year-round swimmers must attend a minimum of 1 practice per week (preferably on Thursdays) assuming they are attending year round swim practices on other days. Being on time to practice means ready and in the water at the start of practice.

Swimmers are required to attend at least 4 swim meets (not including the State Championship meet). Swimmers must inform the coach at the beginning of the season of any meet conflicts. Swimmers who fail to attend a meet without prior knowledge of the coach may be ineligible to compete at the following meet.

SWIM LETTERING POLICY

In order to receive a Varsity letter, swimmers in Grades 9-12 will be required to achieve a State qualifying time in at least one event, attend 90% of practices according to the Practice Attendance Policy, and attend at least 4 Varsity swim meets.

INJURIES & ILLNESS POLICY

Swimmers should notify the Head Coach of an injury or illness. Coaches will modify water and dryland practice as needed based on the injury. An injured swimmer is expected to attend practices or meets to support the team.

RELAYS AND INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

The Coach will determine who swims in the relays and their position in the relay. We will make every effort to allow swimmers to participate in as many individual events/relays as the meet entry guidelines allow. The coach determines individual events and relays. The coach determines these based on times, stroke ability, individual swimmer behavior in and out of the water, and attendance at practices and meets. Swimmers may submit requests to the Coach; however, the Coach makes the final decisions. Swimmers are expected to compete in all assigned events, and missing an event due to personal preference is not acceptable under any circumstance.

PARENT VOLUNTEER POLICY

Since we will be hosting 4 meets, we are asking each family to fill 7 volunteer slots. Serving half a meet counts as one; serving the entire meet counts as two. Families who fail to fulfill their volunteer responsibilities will be invoiced \$75 at the end of the season.

SWIM TEAM CONTACTS

COACHES

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PARENT VOLUNTEER

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