



Fundraising

These funds shall be raised through the following activities:

1. Sponsorships
2. Raffles
3. Swim-a-thon
4. M&M Meat Shop
5. Bingo
6. FlipGive
7. **Sessional Projects:** Voluntary projects scheduled throughout the Swim Season enable participating swimmers to collect Fundraising Credits.
8. Additional fundraisers may be added during the season, as deemed necessary to help supplement swim fees

*There is also the opportunity to opt out of fundraising for a fee. Should you wish to know more please contact the Fundraising Director at tmscfundraising@gmail.com.

** Opting out of the Bingo is not allowed. Volunteering at the Bingo is mandatory.

Sponsorships

The first major fundraiser for the season will be the Sponsorships that will be due on October 8. Families will be responsible in recruiting one sponsorship per competitive family in the amount of \$350. A general sponsorship letter will be emailed out at the beginning of the season with information, as well as on the website, under Membership Only tab. Cheques to be made out to Timmins Marlins Swim Club.

FlipGive Gift Card Program

The **Flipgive program** is a program that raises money for the club, while spending money on items you would normally buy in your everyday life through a retailer gift card. All of our swim families must participate in this fundraiser, but you have a few options available to you. You can search FlipGive at www.flipgive.com Or through the app.

Here's how it works:

- you order a gift card through FlipGive for a desired amount, example, \$100.00 at Esso Gas. You will receive the \$100.00 Esso gift card via a virtual wallet which can be scanned or used online. You can also send it as a gift via email. It's that easy! Recruit your family members, your workplace and friends to help support your swimmer and raise your \$250.00 faster! Last year, most families that participated in the program were able to earn their commitment and it did not cost anything extra out of their pocket.
- The Flipgive club code is **BJ6CCM**
- Once part of the Timmins Marlins group, you add your swimmer. When you invite your family and friends, simply give them the club code, then they search for your swimmer.

Your options for raising the \$250.00 are:

- (1) If you do not wish to participate in this program, please provide a cheque for \$250 at time of registration;
- (2) Participating in program, Upon registering with the club's code, you will need to register



your swimmer to ensure that the funds get allocated according. Once completed, you may begin to order cards. Definitely share the club code with family and friends so that they can help with the fundraiser. You must collect \$125/swimming session. If your fundraising commitment is not met, then you will need to provide a cheque for the balance.

If you continue to purchase gift cards after your \$250.00 is earned, 100% of your funds raised go directly to your swimmer's account.

Raffle

The TMSC will host a minimum of one, possibly two raffles, where by families are expected to sell a set amount of tickets, determined by the number of swim families registered. More details will be shared closer to the date.

Swim-a-thon

The TMSC will host a swim-a-thon in 2023-2024, where by families are expected to raise funds and swimmers are expected to swim. More details will be shared closer to the date.

M&M Meat Shop

Each family will be responsible to sell \$250 worth of M&M Meat products. This fundraiser will be held in late October, orders due in November, with products ready for pick up in December.

Bingos

Bingos are a vital part of the TMSC fundraising efforts and significantly reduce each family's fundraising commitment during the course of each swim season. Parents **must** commit to working their share of bingos. The number of bingos to be worked will be determined by the total number of bingos and the number of swim families. Bingos run all year, every two weeks and parents can expect to work at least 1 bingo from September to August. Members of the Executive will work a bingo as needed.

The Bingo schedule will be available the day of registration allowing parents the opportunity to sign up for their FIRST bingo dates. Upon registration one undated cheque of \$350 will be collected. Parents working a bingo must complete the online training modules. The first is AODA online training which takes approximately 1 hour and the second is the OCGA online training which takes approximately 30 minutes. If a parent does not present him/herself or a trained TMSC replacement at his/her scheduled bingo, the bingo director will deposit the cheque and you will still be required to fulfill your bingo volunteering commitment. The TMSC president will also be notified.

If a parent misses a second scheduled bingo, the swimmer(s) will not be allowed to swim at practice until the Bingo Director and the president can meet with the parents and discuss their commitment to the TMSC Swim Club. If parents have a scheduling conflict, it is their responsibility to arrange for a replacement. The replacement must be from the TMSC, and not from another charity. The bingo director can provide the parent with names and contact information of the other parents to switch bingos. The replacement must be a bona fide member of the TMSC club. The bona fide member has to be someone who is active in more than one aspect of the team's requirements. Please note that arrangements must be made between yourself and the replacement parent directly. Once your arrangements have been made, please email the Bingo Director – tmscbingos@gmail.com .



A copy of the bingo schedule is available on SignUpGenius for Marlin's members only website. The bingo director will email a reminder to the parent(s) of their upcoming bingos and the dress codes.

The Ontario Charitable Gaming Association requires that at least 2 trained Timmins Marlins members (18 years of age or over) be present at all times during the bingo, and require parents to be in compliance with the regulations or the club will be penalized. We can be penalized on the following items:

- Dress code violations
 - Blank Pants, white collar shirt & Marlins vest
- No-show
- Sitting or talking
- Ready on time (Arrive at 6:00pm and be on the floor by 6:15pm)

Failure to meet the minimum requirement of volunteers will result in the club losing $\frac{1}{4}$ of shares. If the TMSC member does not adhere to the Ontario Charitable Gaming Association rules, and the club loses an amount of the shares, the club member could be asked to replace the shares that were lost. After 3 strikes, the club can lose the funding all together.

All parents must do appropriate training.

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