

# Little Big Tots Foundation

## November 2021

### Program Spotlight



The Kona Dolphin Swim Club seeks to promote competitive swimming for boys and girls by offering the best possible coaching in a friendly and high-achievement environment.

As a swimmer, you will meet new friends and participate in exciting swimming competitions on the Big Island and elsewhere in Hawaii. You will have the opportunity to accomplish your swimming goals through concentration and hard work; and, of course, to have fun!

At each level, the goals we set are specific and directed toward meeting the needs of our swimmers. Because each child progresses at his or her own rate, our coaches recognize this fact by placing a swimmer in the proper group based on the swimmer's physical, mental and emotional level of development.

The Objectives of our program are:

- To promote the enjoyment of swimming as a healthy sport and as a "skill for life"
- To develop sportsmanship
- To help and encourage swimmers to reach their full potential consistent with their skills and abilities
- To develop mutual understanding among coaches, parents and swimmers on the need for cooperation, self-motivation, respect and team spirit in the pursuit of excellence.

#### Our Club

When Coach Kathy Clarke founded the Kona Dolphin Swim Club in 1999, the team had only five swimmers including her daughters Joyce and Bridget. Coach Harry Canales became Head Coach in 2001, when the Club had about 25 members. As of May 2021, our Club counted 120 athletes serving two communities out of two facilities- Kona and Kealahou/south Kona. [Click Here](#) to get started and print out your team registration forms.

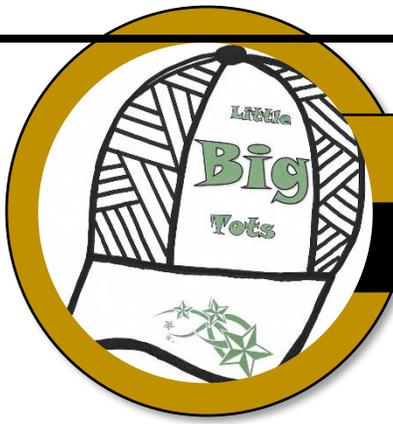
The Kona Dolphin Swim Club conducts a year-around competitive swimming program. It participates in all Long Course (50 meters) and Short Course (25 yards) swim meets sanctioned by [Hawaiian Swimming](#) on the Island of Hawaii. There are five swim meets during the Long Course season (January to June) and five in the Short Course season (September to December). During each season, two meets are usually held in Kona (at our pool the Kona Community Aquatic Center), and one each in Hilo (Kawamoto Pool), Waimea (Hawaii Preparatory Academy) and Kea'au (Kamehameha School).

We act as the host team for one meet during the Long Course season and one during the Short Course season. In addition, we participate in the annual Hawaii State Long Course and Short Course Championships held in July and December, respectively.

Our swimmers swim at meets on neighboring islands- Junior Age Group Champs, State Champs, and Senior Champs. We also send swimmer to the prestigious Western Zone Championships, Age Group Regionals, Sectionals, Futures, Junior Nationals, and Nationals. We are on track to send an athlete to Olympic Trials in 2024!

Our swimmers also compete internationally as well. In July of 2001, 17 members of our club participated in the Stockholm Summer Games in Stockholm, Sweden. The summer games are an annual international competition for youths under the age of 18 years old. More than a dozen countries and 14 different sports were represented during the 2001 Summer games. It was an unforgettable and fun experience for both parents and swimmers. We also have athletes represent Hawaii at the Oceania Swimming Championships which was most recently held in Papua New Guinea.

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**Mission Statement**

To provide financial assistance to community youth ages three (3) to thirteen (13) years of age to increase participation in any extra-curricular activity.

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