

JUNE 2020

NEWSLETTER

Sharing Values of Friendship, Team Pride, Staying Healthy and Community Support



Gators
SWIM CLUB

A round of high knees and fast feet applause to Anchie and Kyle for collectively logging over 13 hours weekly of distance dryland practice! This will keep our kids in top form until we resume. Thank you Anchie and Kyle!

I would like to have this opportunity to thank our coordinators and volunteers, who still work for our club while the practice is suspending. Especially our board members, who have spent lots of time and effort to discuss and deal with the situations, to make the crucial decisions, and to seek the financial support and solution to keep the club running.

– Anchie

2019-2020 Gators Swim Club Season Update

As we emerge from our COVID crisis and move forward into our new normal, I want to again assure you that the Gator Swim Board continues to work together with our Head Coach Anchie in managing the swim club and looking forward again to the time that we can get our swimmers back to the pool.

With May over and our Winter Swim Season officially coming to a close at the end of June we have been working to plan, as best we can, for the next season. We still do not have all the answers in relation to how the next few months will look but want to take this opportunity to update you now on what we do know.

At the end of every season, our swimmers are recognized for their hard work, tenacity, team spirit and achievements in the water and out. While the swim season was cut short, it doesn't mean that their achievements, hard work and dedication was any less and so we are pleased to announce that we are proceeding with our swimmer awards this year. We will convene a Zoom celebration recognizing our swimmers selected by their respective Coaches, and of course, the MVS will be announced as well. Date and time to be confirmed.

Another event that occurs at the end of our Winter season is the process of recognizing all of the parent participation within various events throughout the swim season. The opportunities to volunteer were also cut short and so work has been going on to ensure you receive your PPP refunds in a timely manner. We will announce how you will receive or pick up those refunds before the end of June.

Swim BC continues to work with Swim Canada on establishing guidelines on how to bring swimmers back to the pools safely. Each Club will be responsible for submitting a "Safe Return to Sport" plan to the Board of Directors for approval prior to inviting the swimmers back to the club and into the Pools. Swim BC has not yet released those guidelines and so our Coaches must wait to receive those guidelines before a plan can be created. While we recognize that our swimmers and parents are excited to get going, we ask for your patience so that we create the safest environment possible for all swimmers and coaches.

Stay well and Stay safe
The Gator Board.



This year and moving forward, the Gators Board has approved the addition of the **XP Award**. This award is in honor Xiaoping Lu, Gators Head Coach of 20+ years who passed suddenly in July of 2019 and who dedicated his life and work to the swimmers of the Gators Swim Club.

The XP award will be given to the coach or parent/guardian who best exemplifies Xiaoping's leadership characteristics.

A plaque displaying each year's winner will be hung in Killarney Community Centre (Gators bulletin board) below Xiaoping's memorial plaque. The Gators Board is now accepting nominations for the 1st annual XP Award. The Gators Board will review the nominations and choose the winner based on the rationale provided for the nomination.

The characteristics we are looking for in someone for the XP Award include:

- Shows kindness
- Is dedicated to the Gators Swim Club
- Has a passion for the Gators Swim Club, its members, and goes above and beyond
- Develops strong relationships
- Is a mentor
- Shows patience
- Loves to learn

Here's how you can nominate someone for this special award:

- 1) Please send an email to Mark Rainer at mark@efreeme.com
- 2) Subject line should read: XP Award nominee
- 3) Deadline for submissions is June 15th at 11:59pm
- 4) In the body of the email, please include a couple of sentences of why you think this person deserves the XP award based on examples where the above characteristics have been demonstrated.

The winner will be announced during our swimmer award ceremony. This is an opportunity to recognize those who make our club so successful.

