

FALL 2020



NEWSLETTER

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

BE KIND. BE CALM. BE SAFE.

COVID-19

Please review our Gators Safe Return to Swim Plan. Our goal is to keep our swimmers, families, and coaches safe first and that means being vigilant and adhering to public health orders and our swim plan if we want to also keep our swimmers swimming!! Thank you all for continuing to do your part.

Safe Return to Swim Plan:

https://www.teamunify.com/bcgsc/UserFiles/File/Covid19ReturnToSwimPlan/gators-swim-club--return-to-swimming-plan-final_029349.pdf

Club Policy to Follow When Unwell

As the MOH and Public Health continue to keep us abreast on changing orders, so too does Swim BC. In addition to the public health orders, Swim BC has worked to assist swim clubs with further understanding of the orders and how they apply to swimming. To date, Gators safe return to swim plan and our swim cohorts adheres to the orders enabling our swimmers to continue swimming.

Club Illness Policy:

https://www.teamunify.com/bcgsc/UserFiles/File/Covid19ReturnToSwimPlan/appendix-a-illness-policy-docx_027432.pdf

Christmas is Approaching

We won't be able to celebrate Christmas as we normally would this year. That means getting a bit creative. The Gators Board is looking into purchasing each swimmer a small token or gift. Stay tuned for more information.



MESSAGE FROM HEAD COACH ANCHIE

Due to the pandemic of COVID-19, last season was ended with no swimming for the last four months. Fortunately, we are able to get the pool spaces and run our program in the Season of 2020-2021. We have lots of changes and unknowns under the current situation. We know the changes of the training locations and the schedules have caused a lot of inconvenience and challenges to many families. Therefore, I would like to thank you all for your cooperation and dedication.

Our primary goal of this season is to ensure our swimmers train in a safe and healthy environment. We have been strictly implementing the Swim BC guidelines, following our Safe Return to Swimming Plan, and complying with each facility's protocols and requirements. Our first month of training was running smoothly. We appreciate all athletes and parents to continue to implement all the safety protocols.

Unlike the previous seasons, our program was from September to June of the following year with one schedule. This season, we have to readjust it to a short-term (3 months) due to the pool rental schedule the VPB provides. Our current training schedule is from October to the end of December, and we are waiting for the VPB to release the new pool rental schedule for January to April. It might cause some schedule changes in January based on the pool time we get. We will try our best to keep the schedule as similar as possible to the current schedule. If the situation allows, we will consider part of the time returning to our home pools (Killarney, Templeton, and Renfrew).

If you have any questions and concerns about your swimmer's performance and progress during the season, in-person meetings are not encouraged under the current circumstance. Please email the lead coach or book a virtual meeting with them if you would like to know more details.

If you have any questions about the schedule and programs, please contact me at gatorsanchie@gmail.com or 778-318-2980.

For registration-related issues (includes billing, withdrawal, etc.), please contact our registrar Kyle Cheng at gatorsclubregistrar@gmail.com.

Thank you very much for your understanding, cooperation and feedback.

Stay safe, and be healthy



INTRODUCING THE GATORS CLUB 2020/2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT, CYNTHIA STARTUP

I am Cynthia. I have been with Gators for 8 yrs. I will be President for this year after which I will be leaving the Board. My son Bryan swims in Elite A. Volunteering with Gators has been hugely rewarding and I have learned many things. I have, especially, learned great patience over the years...waiting to pick up, waiting for the swimmers to get out of the hot tub, waiting for the ferry, waiting for races to start, waiting to cheer, & waiting for final results!! Have loved every minute.

VICE PRESIDENT, MARK RAINER

I am Mark Rainer. This is my 3rd year on the Gators Board having been secretary for two years, I have happily taken on the new role of Vice President this year. My daughter Leta has been with Gators for 5 yrs and is currently in Elite B group. I love the commutes, the volunteer work, and the endless hours at swim meets....

TREASURER, YVETTE APAN

My swimmer is Ella Leong in Age A swim group. Our journey with the GSC began back in 2013-2016 for summer swim clinics. Her passion for the sport led us to join the club in 2016. I am happy to have contributed as a member-at-large last year and continue this year as treasurer on the board. I live to eat...not eat to live....not to be mistaken with the idea that I like to cook tho! Just love good food!

MEMBER AT LARGE, PAUL WONG

My name is Paul Wong. We've been part of the Gators family for almost 8 years. My son Carson currently swims with the Elite group coached by Anchie. My hobbies include long drives and carpooling to practices, volunteering entire weekends at swim meets, and last but not least, earning air miles from swim fees! All joking aside, the past 8 years with Gators has truly been an amazing experience. We watched our kids grow and succeed, and we made friendships that will last a lifetime.

MEMBER AT LARGE, SURYADI WEN

I am a Member-At-Large on the Gators board for the 2020-2021 season. I have been part of Killarney Gators Swim Club since 2011. Currently, my son is swimming with the Elite B. Other than being one of Member-At-Large, I was also a pool coordinator and meet manager in the past few seasons. In my free time, I enjoy walking, swimming and nice scenery.

SECRETARY, ARTHUR TSAI

As a board member since 2012, I am honored to be given the opportunity to continue to serve our swim club by providing guidance and support to swimmers, coaches and parents. The work as a board member is gratifying and fulfilling as I see how swimmers continue to excel, and how parents commit countless volunteer hours to make the club better. I've witnessed how both my daughters gained valuable skill sets from swimming and truly enjoyed watching them compete over the years. When I'm not driving swimmers to practices, you can find me at your local golf courses, playing and practicing my favorite pastime!

REGISTRAR, CHARLES GOLECO

I'm happily married and proud dad of a daughter enrolled in the Gators developmental program. We have been with Gators for four years and on my second year as a board member. As a board member, I hope to contribute to the continued success of our club especially in these uncertain and challenging times ahead of us. Professionally, I'm a sales executive in the transportation industry for over twenty years and in my spare time, I like swimming, watching movies, and car shopping even though I'm not actually buying

MEMBER AT LARGE, KATIE LEUNG

My name is Katie. I hold a member at large position with the Gators board. My daughter Megan swims in Elite C Group. I have been volunteering in the club for many years and have held many positions. I have met many wonderful parents and some of them have become good friends. I encourage new parents to take this opportunity to step up to volunteer. You will find it very rewarding.

MEMBER AT LARGE, RUBY APDAL-VILLAMIN

Hi, my name is Ruby Apdal-Villamin, this is my second year on the board as a Member at Large. I work for Burnaby Hospital in Health Information Management - Release of Information. I have a passion for playing music and love to explore the outdoors. My daughter's name is Jobia (10 years old - Youth Group) and this is her 3rd season in the Gators Club.

