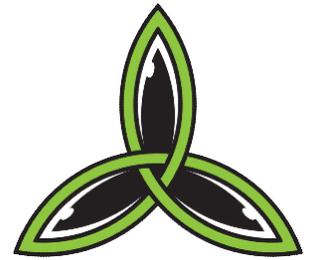


## KILLARNEY SWIM CLUB

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Dear KSC Families,

### **KSC Covid-19 Update: June 2020**

It has been twelve weeks since pools were closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The KSC Board appreciates that our membership is anxious to return to normal routines and activities that were both an important and large part of our daily lives prior to COVID-19.

As Alberta starts to reopen, we look forward to supporting our membership, as we transition to outdoor training in small groups and eventually return to the water.

#### **Safety**

Our priority has always been – and remains – the safety of our members, athletes, coaches, staff, volunteers and families involved in the sport of competitive swimming. It is vital that our “return to sport” is done in the safest way possible. KSC will continue to follow all guidelines and safeguards that have been put in place by Swimming Canada, Swim Alberta, the Provincial Government, AHS, local authorities and sport facilities. Our collective health and safety is paramount.

#### **KSC Return to Sport Plan**

Our return to swimming will be a gradual, phased process – a “go slow to go fast” approach, relating to permitted activities and staging of return to sport activities.

The KSC Return to Sport Plan will be posted to the KSC website shortly, and will follow Swimming Canada and Swim Alberta guidelines:

[Swimming Canada Return to Swimming Resource Document.pdf](#)

[Swim Alberta Return to In-Person Training Guidelines.pdf](#)

The KSC Return to Sport Plan outlines a sequential action plan for managing our gradual return to competitive swimming. The Plan is currently under review by the KSC Executive to ensure that we can safely start the Return to Sport process as Alberta reopens, complying with strict health and safety guidelines set by Swimming Canada and Swim Alberta.

The Return to Sport Plan covers outdoor activities and dryland training, a return to indoor swimming and eventual competition. KSC must also fully understand and comply with additional local regulations that may be implemented.

#### **Conditions for Return to Sport**

Conditions for In-Person Training (including outdoor training) and Return to Swimming will require ALL of the following conditions to be met:

- The Federal and Provincial Governments ease imposed restrictions in Alberta;
- Municipal Governments allow organized sport to access swimming pools, gymnasiums, fields and fitness centres and facilities;
- Swim Alberta’s Return to In-Person Training & Swimming requirements are strictly adhered to (including any additional protocols, restrictions and guidelines that may be updated from time to time);

- KSC agrees to follow Swim Alberta's Return to In-Person Training & Swimming Requirements and submit any required declarations or waivers;
- The KSC Return to Sport Plan is developed in conjunction with local facilities. Our Plan must be posted to the KSC website and made available to Swim Alberta upon request;
- KSC must ensure that all coaches, athletes, officials, volunteers and parents understand and agree to follow guidelines and regulations established by Swimming Canada, Swim Alberta, the City of Calgary, partner facilities, and AHS.

KSC will ensure that members, coaches and staff are aware of requirements and guidelines and will include this information on the KSC website. The KSC Return to Sport Plan will be on our website in the coming weeks, along with further actions, such required waivers, we will take to ensure the safety of our athletes, families, coaching staff and other members of our community.

Our return to sport will require your patience and support. By working together, we can all ensure the safety of our athletes and membership as we return to competitive swimming – a sport that ignites passion in all of us. KSC will continue to monitor the situation very closely and will update our Return to Sport Plan accordingly.

### **Programming**

Over the past 12 weeks our continuing response has been to focus on the short and long-term wellbeing of KSC and our swimming community. We have continued to offer a wide and varied on-line training schedule across the whole Club to ensure the familiarity, focus and stimulation of regular structured training. We have heard from many of you about the benefits our training has provided – in particular, maintaining social interaction and physical exercise with friends and peers during this time of social distancing. Our Sprockets have now finished for the season, and it is planned for Juniors / Intermediate groups will finish at the end of this month.

I'd like to personally on behalf of the Board thank the following Club staff for their enthusiasm and energy in sustaining the live online training, which has regularly had over 85% attendance over the last few weeks: Brad Mori, Tanya Wolff, Natasha Senkow, Taylor Zwarych, Ali Allen, Amy Hess, Greg Benson, Aja Bezzeg and Chelanne Wolff. Thanks team!

### **Current Financial Situation**

As a non-profit community organization, we still face financial challenges, with uncertainty around future sources of revenue including gaming and swim meets. We remain focused on minimizing expenses and have applied for Government subsidies and rent relief. We are also exploring new, innovative, low-contact fundraising ideas for next season including Cobbs Bread and 'Skip the Depot' bottle drives.

### **Registration**

We still hope to be able to start the 2020-21 swim season in September. For those outside of Sprockets (whom we have already contacted), we will soon be reaching out to ask if you intend to return to KSC next season, assuming that we are able to swim. Given that pools are closed, registration will be delayed, but we will ask for a 'show of hands' to help with squad planning and staffing for next season. No deposit will be required at this time.

We will provide more updates as further information is known. Thank you for your ongoing participation and support, and for being part of this fantastic community. We are all in this together. Best wishes for the continued health and safety of our amazing KSC families.

Yours in sport,

*Stuart Turner*

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