

NEWMARKET STINGRAYS

MAGNA CENTRE PANDEMIC OPERATIONS



Welcome to the 2020-2021 season. As discussed in parent information sessions last week, the staff has completed a walkthrough of the MAGNA Centre and we're ready for the season to begin. There will be an evolving set of expectations and procedures during this season and it is important that our club – staff, swimmers, and parents – all work within the Town of Newmarket expectations so we can stay safe and earn more pool space.

Please review these practice protocols, our coaches will also walk through these protocols with swimmers this week.

SWIMMING CANADA FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED

Before any swimmer may participate in Newmarket Stingrays practices the Swimming Canada 'Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risk' form must be completed in your Swimming Canada Registration System. There are exact instruction to complete this action available on our website under the 'Pandemic Operations' tab.

BATHROOMS

While we are in dryland programming there will be no access to the bathrooms inside MAGNA. Please use the bathroom prior to arriving at practice.

While we are swimming, bathrooms will be available on an emergency basis, 1 user at a time.

With limited bathroom usage available, we strongly recommend using the bathroom prior to arrival at practice.

PICK UP/DROP OFF – EAST PARKING LOT & ENTRANCE

When the pool opens on Wednesday, September 16th we ask that all our members use the east parking lot. All swimmers, when entering the building, will have to do so at that east entrance. Anyone trying to enter the west entrance will be asked to walk around the building by the Town of Newmarket staff.

NO CHANGEROOM ACCESS

There will be no access to the changerooms (with the exception of emergency bathroom usage for those in the pool). All swimmers are asked to arrive in their suits, known as "beach ready". On days when a group has dryland after swimming, there will be time to dry off but there will be nowhere to take off swim suits.

ENTRY AREA

Masks must be worn by all swimmers when entering the MAGNA Centre and remain on until instructed to take them off by a Stingrays coach. When swimmers enter at the east entrance, they will approach a kiosk where someone from the Town of Newmarket will conduct a quick COVID-19 Self-Assessment Check prior to granting swimmers access to the hallways.

POOL WAITING AREA

There is a designated waiting area/line that is marked by physical distancing stickers on the floor. This waiting area/line begins at an access door to the west side of the pool deck. Swimmers should wait here with their equipment kits while waiting for a Town of Newmarket staff member to open the door and invite swimmers onto the deck.

ENTRY ON DECK

Swimmers will take their shoes off prior to walking on to the deck. There are a series of chairs along the westside of the pool deck for the swimmers to wait until able to enter the pool.

Swimmers designated to start in the deep end will use the front row of chairs.

Swimmers designated to start in the shallow end will use the back row of chairs.

Once everyone is ready to swim your coach will instruct swimmers to take off their masks and report to their lanes. There is a one-way walking path on deck so swimmers starting in the shallow end will have to walk around the deep end of the pool to report to their lane.

POST-SWIM PRACTICE

Swimmers will exit the pool and return to the chair they used prior to practice so they can towel off at that spot. Change into dryland clothes or clothes to be picked up. Once everyone is ready to leave, including having their masks on, swimmers will walk around the east side of the pool and out the east door.

PARENTS

There will not be access to the viewing gallery or washrooms within the facility.

PARKING LOT & CROSSING FERNBANK ROAD

We ask that all our swimmers, parents, and coaches exercise extreme caution when in the eastern parking lot and when crossing Fernbank Road to report to the dryland fields. With more groups at the MAGNA facility at the same time there will be a lot of our swimmers walking about and we want to keep everyone safe.

DRYLAND FIELDS – FERNBANK FIELD

We will have access to the fields up on Fernbank Field and behind the south parking lot. Groups will meet up at Fernbank Field and establish regular meeting spots from that spot. Coaches will have pylons set up for swimmers to report to set up for dryland. Swimmers should keep their masks on until the entire group has arrived and are at their pylon or when instructed by their Stingrays coach. We thank everyone in advance for their cooperation in prioritizing safety!

If anyone has questions, comment, and/or concerns please contact your group coach or our Team Manager Danica in our office newswim@rogers.com