



CPD Swim Club – Program Update

August 2, 2019

In consultation with parents, coaches, strategic partners, and subject matter experts, the Park District is working hard to refine the CPD Swim Club program to effectively serve all our athletes and help them reach their full potential.

A review of planned changes was shared with parents on Tuesday, July 23rd, and based on the feedback from that meeting, we are making some adjustments. Here is a broad summary of the current plan:

- For the Fall session, CPD Swim Club practices at Solorio, Uplift, and Whitney Young will be replaced with CPD TEAM Sports practices at Park District pools. All athletes are asked to register with your local park for the Fall session.
- Dedicated Club coaches will rotate to all Park District pools to work with athletes and local coaches to improve performance.
 - To address concerns about access to a quality program if CPD TEAM Sports is not meeting the same high standards as a CPD Swim Club practice, a Club coach will be dedicated to the TEAM Sports practices at Uplift and Foster, beginning after Labor Day. The exact schedule is still being fine-tuned with the coaches, but at least 2 days a week.
- An invitational Saturday practice will be offered at Whitney Young High School beginning after Labor Day.
 - Standards for admission to the Saturday practice are still being worked out. The current proposal is for a high standard for achievement and effort, but latitude for coach's discretion during the transition.
- The Club Swim Meet schedule will be adjusted to emphasize a balance between competition and practice.

The Park District is still working on the following issues:

- A comprehensive survey to solicit feedback from athletes, parents, and coaches. This item is currently in the draft phase.
- A plan for the Winter and Spring sessions when TEAM sports programs usually transition to Water Polo and Jr. Guards. This item will move to the brainstorming phase at our next staff meeting in August.
- Communications support for club members and families who speak or read other languages. This item is currently in the brainstorming phase.

Special thanks to USA Swimming (Bob, Pam, and Shaun), the CPD Booster Board (Sylvia, Kerry, Claire, Eric, and Dena), and the Club staff (Max, PJ, Alex, and Adam) for all their hard work so far. Please feel free to reach out to any of us as we continue to grow and develop this program.