



Irish Aquatics

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IA Weekly News

Week of May 20, 2018

Hello IA Families! Over the past 2 weeks, there has been a lot happening! First off, I would like to thank all of our families for your help with the 2018 May Invitational. Our overall attendance was down this year from past years, but we still put on a great meet! Our meets would not be possible without the undying commitment of our membership to the various roles that allow the meet to run. From a swimming standpoint, we had an amazing first long course meet with many lifetime bests posted over the course of the weekend. The fast swimming continued into this weekend with our 4 swimmers who competed with some of the world's best swimmers at the TYR Pro Swim Series in Indianapolis. All 4 swimmers posted either lifetime or near lifetime bests on Saturday, which was impressive as none of them were rested for the meet.

IA Summer Spectacular Volunteer Jobs Open

Now that the May Invitational is past, we are turning our attention to the Summer Spectacular. This meet will be much larger with more than 700 athletes anticipated to participate compared with the 380 swimmers in the May Invitational. The volunteer positions for them meet are now open on the website. As a reminder, each family is required to volunteer for 3 jobs slots over the course of the weekend. Failure to complete this requirement will result in a \$50 per missed job fine assessed to the family's account, per the terms and conditions of membership in Irish Aquatics agreed to with registration. The meet format for this meet will be slightly different as the ND diving camp starts on Sunday evening of the meet weekend. We will run a full day Friday, full day Saturday, and then just a morning session on Sunday.

New Officials Training

We are looking for parents interested in becoming officials to go through the training for it. The training consists of a classroom session, a test, and shadowing at

meets. Our goal as a program is to train 10 new officials. We often hear excuses such as "I don't know anything about swimming," "I could never DQ someone," or "I don't have time to be an official." The great thing is that what you need to know about swimming will be taught to you (the technical rules of the sport), disqualifying a swimmer for an infraction is not as hard as you would think (and it might be a little bit fun if it's your own swimmer), and our program goal is to make it that our team officials can work a few sessions of our meets, but not have to work every session. Also, if you are sitting in the stands at a meet, you will quickly realize that it is much better to be on deck! If you are interested in more information on becoming an official, please talk to Coach Matt or Kristin Pruitt.

Meet Directors in Training

We are looking for our next great meet directors! In our current model, one person has served as meet director for all of our meets, but going forward, we are looking to train 3 or more individuals on what being a meet director entails so that each of our team hosted meets has a different meet director. Meet directors need to have good management and interpersonal communication skills, an ability to make quick decisions in pressure situations, and a desire to put forth a product (a swim meet in this case) that he/she is proud of. If you want more information on what being a meet director entails, please contact Coach Matt or Christie Hannevyk for more information. We are hoping to have someone shadow Christie during the Summer Spectacular in July to be able to take the reigns for the Tim Welsh Invitational in January.

Billing and Accounting

As was sent in an email two weeks ago, there was an error in the monthly billing system for the Gold group swimmers registered for single practices and the monthly payment option. This error caused the account to be billed \$0 for May instead of the \$120 it should have been. The accounts that were improperly billed have been corrected

and the error in the billing system has been corrected as well so all future billing should be correct. If your account is on autopay, the balance will be paid on June 1 with any other charges from May. If your account is not on autopay, please be sure to submit your payment either via check or an on demand credit card payment.

As we approach the end of the month, please check your account charges by logging in to your account on the website and click on the **\$My Invoice/Payment** link under the **My Account** option on the left hand navigation bar. If you have an outstanding balance and are not on autopay, please pay your balance by May 30 to avoid a \$10 late fee which will be applied on May 31. If you have questions on your invoice, please contact Coach Matt.

Open Water Meets

Zones: The Central Zone Open Water Championship sign up is now available [here](#). This is a Team Indiana meet and therefore is entered through IN Swimming and not IA (swimmers will represent Indiana Swimming at the competition). Swimmers must have an NAG A standard in the appropriate distance for their age group (200 or 400/500 Free for 10 & Under, 400/500, 800/1000, or 1500/1650 Free for 11-12, 13-14 and Open). The deadline to register for the event is June 7.

State: The 2018 IN Swimming Open Water State Championship was originally cancelled but has now been rescheduled as part of a multi-LSC championship in Ohio. All swimmers will race together but will be scored within their LSC. We have a number of swimmers qualified for this race and I highly encourage all swimmers who are qualified to compete. If we have enough interest in traveling as a team, we can secure group transportation to and from the event. Please contact Coach Matt ASAP if you are interested in the group transportation (some chaperones will be needed, but you do not necessarily have to attend if your child is swimming). We placed 2nd by just a few points as a team at the 2017 Open Water State Championship and we could be fighting for a state championship again this season!

Meet Sponsorships and Spirit Ads

We have many sponsorship opportunities available for our Summer Spectacular in July. Please visit the [Advertise/Sponsor](#) dropdown menu under the **How to Help IA** tab on our website for the sponsorship levels and information. We currently have Gold, Silver and Hot Heat sponsorships available. We also have program advertisements available (full, half and quarter page). Any family that secures a Gold level sponsor will receive a \$125 credit to their family account and families that secure a Silver level sponsor will get a \$62.50 credit applied to their account.

We also have spirit ads available for purchase. Spirit ads are business card size and they can contain a personal message to your swimmers. This is a great opportunity for parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles to show their support of their child/grandchild/niece/nephew. Spirit ads are \$25 apiece, but if you buy 2, the cost is only \$40! There is a Google form set up to purchase these ads, which is available on our website in the [Spirit Ad](#) dropdown menu under the **How to Help IA** tab.

Ads and sponsorships for the Summer Spectacular will be due in mid-June. If you know someone that is interested in becoming a sponsor of our program or would like to advertise at our meet, we can get them more information about the program and each of the sponsorship levels.

Safe Sport – Locker Room Monitoring

As was mentioned in the last two newsletters, in our continued efforts to create a safe and fun environment for all of our swimmers, we are looking for a hallway monitor to sit outside the entrance to the pool deck from the hallway outside the locker rooms each night at practice between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00. There are multiple entrances to this hallway (although only one of them is supposed to be open which is the main entrance to the pool at Door 5), and the entire hallway cannot be seen from the front desk, thus we are stationing a volunteer in the hall to have a set of eyes in an otherwise blind zone. The link for signing up for this position can be found [here](#).

Team Store at SwimOutlet.com

If you are new to the team or your returning swimmers have changed groups or outgrown their equipment, we have a team store set up at SwimOutlet.com with the recommended equipment for each group listed. There are also customized team apparel items available through the team store. Visit www.swimoutlet.com/irishaquatics or click the Team Store command button from the home page of our website (next to the picture) to access our team store. Also, whenever you make a purchase through Swim Outlet, be sure to start in the team store as we receive a credit from all purchases on most items. We use this credit to buy training items for the team's use.

Team Viewing of The Incredibles 2



In December, we reserved a theater for a team viewing of *Star Wars: The Last Jedi*. This was a great event, so we have planned another team movie day this summer! We have booked the theatre this time for a team screening *The Incredibles 2*. The movie showing will be on Tuesday, June 19. Theatre access will begin at 2:00 PM with the movie starting at 2:30. We will work our practice start time for the afternoon around the movie end time. Tickets are \$8.50 apiece and there are

only 66 of them available. Tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. There is a Google Doc set up to sign up for tickets [here](#). Please Contact Coach Ben with questions about the event.

Upcoming Deadlines

- ♣ Wednesday, May 30 – Registration deadline for IA Summer Spectacular
- ♣ Saturday, June 2 – Registration deadline for MSC Summer Splash Invitational
- ♣ Tuesday, June 12 – Registration deadline for Open Water State
- ♣ Friday, June 22 – Registration deadline for team outing at SB Cub Game on 7/1

Upcoming Meets and Team Events

- ♣ Friday, May 25 – Sunday, May 27: [MSC Memorial Day Invitational](#)
- ♣ Friday, June 3 - Sunday, June 5: [CON Buffalo Wild Wings Blazin' Invitational](#)
- ♣ Friday, June 15 - Sunday, June 17: [TNAQ June Invitational](#) (13 & Over team travel meet)
- ♣ Friday, June 15: [Central Zone Open Water Championship](#)
- ♣ Friday, June 22 - Sunday, June 25: [MSC Summer Splash Invitational](#)
- ♣ Wednesday, June 27: [IN Swimming Open Water State Championship](#)
- ♣ Sunday, July 1: [IA team day at the South Bend Cubs](#)
- ♣ Friday, July 6-Sunday, July 8: [IA Summer Spectacular](#)
- ♣ Thursday, July 19 - Sunday, July 22: Senior State Championship
- ♣ Friday, July 27 - Sunday, July 29: Age Group State
- ♣ Tuesday, July 31 - Saturday, August 4: NCSA Summer Championship
- ♣ Saturday, August 4 - Sunday, August 5: Summer Divisional

Practice Schedule

Group	Monday 5/21	Tuesday 5/22	Wednesday 5/23	Thursday 5/24	Friday 5/25	Saturday 5/26	Sunday 5/27
Gold	6:00-8:30 PM	6:00-8:30 PM <i>Dryland</i>	6:00-8:30 PM	6:00-8:30 PM <i>Dryland</i>	No Practice	No Practice	No Practice
Silver	6:00-8:00 PM <i>Dryland</i>	6:00-8:00 PM	6:00-8:00 PM <i>Dryland</i>	6:00-8:00 PM	No Practice	No Practice	No Practice
Bronze	6:00-7:30 PM <i>Dryland</i>	6:00-7:30 PM <i>Dryland</i>	6:00-7:30 PM <i>Dryland</i>	6:00-7:30 PM <i>Dryland</i>	No Practice	No Practice	No Practice
Green	6:00-7:00 PM	6:00-7:00 PM	6:00-7:00 PM	6:00-7:00 PM	No Practice	No Practice	No Practice

**Beacon workouts are provided for all swimmers registered in the Gold group and any swimmer registered in the Silver group who will be at least 11 years old by the Age Group State Meet (July 27, 2018)*