



SFY TSUNAMI

INFORMATION FOR 2019-2020 FALL/WINTER SEASON

Welcome back, Tsunamis!

Your Coaches are so excited to work with our new Swimmers and continue our journey with returning Swimmers! The information here is new for ALL Swimmers so please review carefully!

See you on deck next week!

POOL RENOVATION!

In an effort to be mindful of our amazing new pool deck, we are asking our Tsunamis to please be good examples for our aquatics community by minimizing walking on the pool gutter area. Also note that there is a non-slip, sanded texture to the material of the new gutters and can be a little tough on the feet.

SWIM BAGS TO POOL DECK, PLEASE!

Beginning at practice on Monday, September 16, 2019, all bags must be stowed on the pool deck – no bags, towels, clothing, etc. may be left in the locker room. On Monday, Coaching Staff will direct swimmers where to store their personal items on the pool deck. Note that a swimmer may store their personal items in the locker room in a closed and locked locker. No items may left in the locker room on the floor, benches, top of lockers or anywhere outside a locked locker.

NEW MEET JOB OPPORTUNITY!

This year our meet job list will include “Photographer” – this is a great way to be right up in the action and work on your sports photography skills. The ideal person for this volunteer position will have a DSLR camera and the skill and ability to provide the team with great, high-quality action shots!

JUNIOR AND SENIOR LEVEL SWIMMERS – COMMUNICATION WITH COACHES

In past years, Senior Level Swimmers have been encouraged to take ownership of their swim journey partly by being responsible for communicating with coaches about practices and other swim-team related issues. The Coaching staff wishes to continue to develop independence and responsibility this season by also including our Junior Level swimmers. Please note that all communications between Junior and Senior Swimmers and Coaching staff will be through the free App “Group Me” and not by Text or Direct SMS messaging. Information about signing up for Group Me as well as the Swim Team Group will be available at the first practice on Monday, September 16, 2019.

OFFICIAL TRAINING AT SFY

We are so pleased to be able to once again offer YMCA Officials training at our Branch this year. Level I and Level II classes will be offered the first weekend of October. Please see the Team Event page on sfyswim.com for more details. You do not have to be a swimmer to be an Meet Official – you will learn what you need to know at the classes! Please see Coach Anna or Erika if you would like to sign-up

ATTENDANCE POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Beginning with this 2019-2020 Fall/Winter Swim Season, the YMCA of Delaware Drop-off/Pick-up Policies and Procedures will be enforced. The staff at the Branch and on the Pool Deck want to make the transition to our new policies as simple as possible but our success will depend on our Swim Families cooperation and compliance.

What this means for our Swim Families is a simple attendance sheet on the pool deck that will need to be signed at the beginning and end of each practice your Swimmer attends. At the beginning of practice, Swimmers must be signed in. At the end of practice, Swimmers must be signed out. The attendance sheet will be on the Pool Deck which can be accessed through the locker room. Please see SFY DROP-OFF/PICK-UP POLICY and the PERMISSION TO PICK-UP FORM. Use the form to designate who may pick-up your swimmer from practice – include yourself, relatives, friends, teammate’s parents, etc. The DROP-OFF/PICK-UP POLICY allows swimmers 12 & over to sign themselves in and out of practice – please check the box on the form if your 12 & over may do so.

Please hand in the PERMISSION TO PICK-UP form by your swimmer’s first practice.