Winterfest Coaches-

We are so excited to have you and your team participate in the 2020 Winterfest! We wish you safe travels this week! If you have any questions regarding the information below feel free to email me crysteeballard@gmail.com or our meet director, Tim Steppe  tcsteppe@comcast.net

**Parking and Entry**

**Friday & Sunday**

Parking is free and allowed in numbered parking lots only.  Terrapin Trail Garage is open.

Buses can wait in Lot 1 as long as there is someone on the bus. They should all drop off and pick up along Farm Drive trying to go with the flow of traffic. Farm Drive is easy because the athletes can walk up and down the steps.

**Saturday**

The only free parking, until after the basketball game, is in lot #1.  Passes to park in Stadium Drive Garage may be purchased.  Parking instructions (with link to purchase parking pass) along with maps are on the Winterfest website:

<https://www.teamunify.com/SubTabGeneric.jsp?team=mdspy&_stabid_=45587>

Buses should plan to cycle off campus after off kids for the AM and PM sessions on Saturday.

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The drop off circle is strictly for drop off and pick up.  NO WAITING/ IDLING in this area. Cars will be ticketed. Parking map is ***attached****.*

Swimmers will enter on the pool deck level, end of the diving well, through the storage room.  Swimmers can be dropped off at the storage room and walk through to the pool or you may park in the garage and walk along the pool windows, opposite the bleachers, to the door to the storage room.  There is a garage like door and a regular door, depending on the temperature, one or both will be used.  The storage area is also where your swimmer can meet their parents after the meet.  There will be a corral for parents.

Swimmers MAY NOT use the inner stairwell to get upstairs. They must go through the storage area to the outside stair well. Parents may come to them in the storage area to meet up after the meet or for bringing snacks, etc.

Please do not have swimmers arrive before 12:30pm for the afternoon sessions.  If they are earlier, they will have to wait in the storage area.

*No parents* may use the inner stairwell.

**Coaches, Timers and Officials**

All coaches, officials, timers will report in the storage area for check in.  Please bring any outstanding fees and documents.  Coaches will receive a meet packet with heats and lanes, fee report, warm up schedule, and pool schematic. We will have hospitality for coaches and officials. Please tell your timers that this is NOT for them. We don't want to run out food for our coaches. Wifi information will be posted at the meet.  Stay tuned for more details on this.

* Timer volunteers will receive lanyards and wrist bands that must be worn at all times while on deck.
* Coaches will receive a wrist band that must be worn at all times while on deck.
* Officials please have credentials available at check in. And may want to bring a lock to lock up their personal items.

**Warm up Assignments**

***Attached***is the warm up schedule for the 12 and Under sessions Saturday and Sunday afternoon.  We will have OPEN warm ups for the 13 and over sessions Saturday and Sunday am.

**NEW** this year: afternoon warm ups will be done as a team (boys and girls at the same time/same pool).  You will switch pools from Saturday to Sunday.  This is all noted in the warm up schedule.

**Again** this year:  we will have 4 lanes relegated for 12 and unders for the  Friday night session. We will have lanes 3&4 in both pools. Let your swimmers know.

**Seating and Pool Deck**

Should you see an injured swimmer have them stop in place and immediately flag a lifeguard and/or marshal.

Swimmers should wear shoes/sandals etc when walking on the deck or going in and out of the locker rooms.

Bags etc are to be stored on the floor and not the bleachers.  *Bleachers are for behinds, not for bags.*

**PLEASE,** keep your area clean.

There will be no sitting in the area along the wall near the starting area of the lower pool (diving well).  We need to keep this open so that marshals can organize kids and so we can minimize congestion.

We will have marshals circling through the locker rooms.  Miscreants will not be tolerated.

UMD will have showers set up near both competition pools.  Prior to warm-ups ask your swimmers to use showers to rinse off before getting in the pool.

**Misc**

 Winterfest shirts will be on sale **FRIDAY**, Saturday and Sunday.

 Swimmers Winterfest bags will be ready for pick up all weekend.  Coaches will need to sign for them.  They will be in the coaches hospitality room.

Awards will be ready at the end of the meet.  If you are leaving before the end of the meet you can leave your mailing address with our awards volunteer and we will send them to  you.

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Remember to tell your swimmers, **ONLY** coaches may bring chairs.

 We are told the concession stands will be open this weekend. We have been told this before and it has been closed. I would strongly suggest telling your swimmers to bring snacks and drinks with them to the pool. It has a new location just off the deck where the swimmers and coaches enter the pool deck.

Metro Swim Shop will be on site selling suits, goggles, etc. Friday through Sunday.

**Timeline**

Friday session warm ups will begin at 4pm, the meet starts at 5pm.

Saturday & Sunday am warm ups will open at 6:30am, the meet will start at 8am. Please do not arrive before 6:15am.

Saturday afternoon session will begin at 1:45pm, with warm ups starting at 12:45pm.

Sunday afternoon will begin at 2pm, with warm up starting at 1pm.

Finals will start at 6pm Saturday and 6:45pm Sunday.

Session Projected **END** Times:

Friday: 8:30pm

Saturday Open Girls 12:26/Open Boys 12:23; 12 under Girls  4:19pm/12 under boys 4:55pm.

**Saturday Finals  8:14 pm**.

Sunday Open Girls 12:46/Open Boys 12:22; 12 under Girls 4:53/12 under Boys 5:34.

**Sunday Finals  8:20 pm**

Thanks see you all this weekend.

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