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Junior II Families and Swimmers:

We are eager to begin another season at the Kansas City Blazers and I am excited to serve as the Head Coach for our Junior II program. I would like to take a moment to share our team vision and group objectives, as well as, additional information as it relates to the Junior II program.

Our primary goal is overall team success through individual achievement. The vision for the Junior II group is not only to prepare our swimmers to compete at their best, but to continue to develop the character traits, technical skills and personal self-esteem necessary for each swimmer to realize their individual potential and goals for swimming. We endeavor to instill in our athletes a sense of dedication and self-discipline by offering a challenging program that allows swimmers to step outside of their comfort zone for a better chance at success.

At the Junior II level, swimmers are expected to begin taking ownership of their swimming through their focused work ethic and commitment, thus creating their own opportunities to become stronger athletes and individuals. Every athlete has the potential to accomplish whatever they envision for themselves in swimming and in life. As coaches, we want every swimmer to be able to take the most from each practice, swim meet, and any other Blazers team related event. ***Please take a moment to review the [Junior II Program Information](#), in full, with your swimmer(s) to ensure that he or she is aware of the policies and expectations of the group.*** There are expectations for practice and meet attendance that are imperative to your swimmer's success.

As Head Coach of Junior II, I am looking forward to working with all of our swimmers from both sites. Coach Veronica Nothnagel will continue to serve as our Lead Coach at our Shawnee Mission North location. Coach Logan Long will be our assistant coach at BVW. We have a wonderful group of families returning and I am excited for the many new families that have joined for this year. Please never hesitate to contact me directly with any questions or concerns, as soon as they arise.

With regard to our training schedules, please know that we are always working towards creating opportunities for our swimmers to progress and succeed. When requesting time at each facility, we must work with what is approved by the school districts and consider all groups in the KCB Program when finalizing training schedules. We appreciate your dedication and understanding as we continue to work through these challenges.

On behalf of our staff, we look forward to working with our Junior II swimmers and families in the upcoming season.

Sincerely,

Uldis Tazans, Junior II Head Coach