

May 6, 2020 Update

To Suburban Swim League Teams,

The SSL Board met again on Monday, May 4th to discuss the latest COVID-19 related guidance and the impact on our ability to accommodate a 2020 swim season.

Due to the current COVID-19 health and safety guidelines issued by the State of California, the SSL Board made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 swim season. The league will not hold official dual meets or a Championships event in 2020. If SSL teams have the ability, teams may hold practices, meets and other events at their discretion. Any swim times achieved during this time will not count toward official SSL league records.

Because of the season cancellation, the SSL Board decided to make a one-time exception to allow swimmers aged 19 to participate in the 2021 season. In order for swimmers aged 19 to participate, they must have been on an SSL team roster in the years 2018 and 2019 and participated in the Championships meet in years 2018 and 2019. The swimmer must participate in 2021 on a team they were a member of in 2018 or 2019. Exact procedures about dual meet and Championship scoring and Championships awards and records handling will be determined at a later date.

We hope all of the SSL swimmers and families have a happy and healthy summer. We look forward to seeing you all back next year!

Signed,

**SSL League Representatives**

Broadstone - Sarah Dean

College Greens - Elizabeth Parks

El Dorado Hills - Rob Laing

Folsom Sea Otters - Marty Olsen

Granite Bay Gators - Molly Scholes

Loomis Basin Dolphins - Jared Calebrese

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April 21, 2020 Update

To Suburban Swim League Teams,

The SSL Board met again on Tuesday, April 21st to discuss the latest COVID-19 related guidance and the impact on our ability to accommodate a 2020 swim season. At this time, we still do not have the information necessary to make a go/no go decision.

The Board agreed to meet again on May 4, 2020 to review the latest guidance. Our goal is to make a final decision regarding the season no later than June 1, 2020.

The Board agreed if we are unable to hold an official 2020 season, teams with access to facilities may elect to participate in meets with other SSL or local swim teams. However, meets will be considered non league meets and times will not qualify for SSL records.

Thank you for your patience as we make the best decision that prioritizes the safety of our swimmers, families and our Communities.

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April 7, 2020

To Suburban Swim League Teams,

This letter is an update regarding the Suburban Swim League (SSL) Board's activity monitoring the COVID-19 situation and planning to accommodate a 2020 swim season for our member teams.

The SSL Board met on Tuesday, April 7th and agreed on the following:

- The Board's primary goal is to move forward with a 2020 season, even if shortened. The Board agreed that the State of California must allow group sizes of at least 1,000 in order to safely conduct dual meets and a League Championship event.
- In order to start the season, all teams must have equal access to a pool for practice. For example, private facilities may be opened prior to public facilities and those teams should not have an unfair advantage of additional practice prior to the official start of the season.
- Due to school closure information and current social distancing guidelines, the Board believes that June 15, 2020 is a best case start date for all teams to have access to pools in order to begin practices.
- If teams are able to begin practice the week of June 15th, the league will utilize the currently published meet schedule with Week 4 representing the first dual meet competition of the shortened season.
- Please "hold" the weeks of July 24-26 and August 1-2 for the League Championship event. The Board is considering moving League Championships to August 1-2 in order to extend the season.
- Should the Board be forced to cancel the season, swimmers aged 18 who also participated in the 2019 swim season and are currently on a team roster will be invited to participate in the 2021 Suburban Swim League season.

**Next Steps:**

The SSL Board will meet every other week to monitor the situation and provide updates accordingly. The Board will share another update on April 21, 2020.

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