

Bluefish Blast July 7, 2020

Hello Bluefish families!

It is so nice to see our athletes in the pool! I apologize for the delay of this blast. The Booster Board and Head Coaches have been working to try and bring together the best possible season we can offer. Please read through this entire Blast and Swim families, please complete the short survey included under Practices.

### **Drop off and Pick up Reminders**

Bicycles - Thank you for talking to your athletes about keeping their bicycles in the designated area.

One Way - For the safety of our athletes, please exit the parking lot through the back field.

Masks - COVID Guidelines require that **everyone**, including all athletes, wear face masks while entering and exiting the pool grounds. I understand that some people might find this rule unnecessary for the 50 or so feet our athletes have to walk from the entrance to their designated area, but it is a requirement placed on us under the Governor's Executive Order that opened outdoor pools. Please take a moment to talk to your athlete about the importance of wearing their mask when entering and exiting the pool grounds.

### **Practices**

We are in the third week of our practice schedule and practices have been running smoothly. Swimmers have learned the routine set out by our Head Coaches. We received requests for swimmers to practice daily, Monday through Friday, without disrupting the current practice times of each group. The Booster Board and Head Coaches are committed to providing our swimmers a competitive swim program and created a short 3-question survey to be completed by each swim team family so that we can better understand your comfort level to provide more swim team practice time. The Booster Board and Head Coaches will use the information collected from the survey to make any final adjustments to our swim team practice schedule. *Please take a few moments by end of day Wednesday to complete the short 3-question survey by clicking here: [Swim Survey](#).*

Absences - If your athlete is going to be absent for practice, please click this link [Report a Swim Absence](#) or [Report a Dive Absence](#) to inform our Head Coaches. After clicking the link, an email addressed to our Head Coaches will open and you can draft a brief email noting your athlete's absence.

Inclement weather - We have created two Remind 101s for the practice groups (blue group and white group). This will allow you to receive text message announcements when needed. Please sign up for your swimmer's group (divers please sign up for both Reminds). In the event of inclement weather, we will be utilizing Remind 101 to quickly get announcements out to you.

Blue Practice groups - Text fbf7kh to the number 81010 OR use the [link](#)

White Practice groups - Text Dbwh to the number 81010 OR use the [link](#)

Athletes can continue with practice and meets in rain, but not in thunder. Please keep a trash bag in your athlete's bags that can be used to keep their items dry. When it thunders, coaches will split the athletes into groups and take them under one of three designated shelter areas. Athletes will be instructed to wear their face masks when they are sheltered.

**Meets**

Swim - We are working on an intrasquad time trial meet as well as a meet against Pomona Swim Team. Details are still being worked out. For now, please hold the following dates in your calendars for potential swim meets: Saturdays, July 18th, July 25th, and August 1st.

Dive - Discussion and planning are in the works for a dive meet. Please stay tuned!

**Fundraiser**

Thank you to all of you that came out to support our Annual Jolyn Trunk Show. We successfully raised just over \$300 to help offset the unexpected added expenses taken on by our pool to open during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As always, please contact me with any concerns, questions, or comments about our programming.

Go Bluefish!

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