

May 7, 2020

Dear Riptide Families:

It is with deep regret that I inform our team and community that our summer swim season has been cancelled by the NVSL due to Covid-19. The NVSL spent many months considering all options and consulting with public health officials, government officials and league division coordinators before making this decision. While the Governor's plan for re-opening offers a glimmer of hope that pools could potentially open by late June, the guidelines still in place throughout the summer in phase 1 and 2 will not be broad enough to allow for us to run practices or meets in a safe way.

A couple Riptide Team specific items to note:

- Our 2020 eligible Riptide Seniors will receive their Riptide Scholarship award this summer. Fundraising for these scholarships was accomplished through our 2019-2020 Winter Swim Developmental Program run by Russell Ramey. Thank you to all that participated in this program (swimmers, volunteer coaches and Coach Ramey).
- Riptide Senior Ceremony: When we know more about gathering together in small groups and use of the community pool and/or clubhouse we can start planning a "2020 Senior Ceremony". It will look different than past years, but we will recognize our senior swimmers and keep as many traditions as possible in place when we celebrate their dedication as swimmers and Riptide team members.
- The Riptide Board will meet virtually later this month to discuss ways we can still commemorate our 30th Anniversary while following state guidelines. We will try to be creative and if you have ideas, please let us know!

The safety of our swimmers, coaches, volunteers, and spectators is everyone's top priority. Please continue to use caution and follow all recommended safety measures as Phase 1 of reopening begins in the coming weeks.

We will miss our Riptide Family this summer! Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

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