

Y-SPARTAQUATICS SWIM CLUB

YSSC Family,

Welcome to the 2021-22 Competitive Year! I am so excited that you are with us here at Y-Spartaquatics Swim Club for the new season. YSSC is coming off of an amazing year where even a global pandemic couldn't stop the Cukes! As the 20-21 season comes to a close, I am proud to report that according to USA's Swimming Virtual Club Championship rankings, we are the top ranked USA club in South Carolina and the top ranked YMCA club in the USA! The YSSC Coaching Staff is looking forward to building off of this success as we roll into the next competitive year.

I'm sure that everyone has been following along with the Olympics in Tokyo and it has been incredible to see such phenomenal athletes perform at the highest level. We even had a Cuke Alumni in on the action as Ali Galyer ('15) represented New Zealand at this year's games!

Additionally, we had 3 current Cukes or Cuke Alumni compete at Olympic Trials in Omaha, NE. Annika McEnroe, Hannah Ownbey ('20) and Jodi Ogle ('19) all swam and qualified for Finals at Wave I back in June. They represented YSSC admirably and we are so proud of them.

Back on the home front, we captured both the Senior Combined and the 14/Under Combined Short Course State Championship titles making us the first team in South Carolina to ever win both titles in the same season. Our women's team then went on to win the YMCA National Festival title!

These are just a few of the incredible accomplishments from the past year. But that doesn't even scratch the surface. These team accomplishments are just a fraction of the numerous individual milestones our swimmers accomplished over the past year. From swimmers who participated in their first swim meet, to those who completed an event legally for the first time after months of struggling, to those who qualified for their first championship cut or the dozens of swimmers who became members of the 100 Second Club this year by dropping over 100 seconds during the year. There were so many accomplishments at all levels of the program that there are too many to fully outline here, but we are so proud of them all.

Our success over the past few years has led to growth at all levels. As we continue to grow and improve as a club, we must continue to evolve our offerings. Over the past two years we have seen tremendous growth in our 13-14 age group both in terms of participants and performance. Just as we did with our Senior program back in 2019, we are expanding our Junior program to match this growth and continue to offer the quality programming for every level of this age group. This fall we have added the Junior Sectional group as the newest rung on the YSSC progression ladder. You can find the new group descriptions on our website under the Swim Groups tab. Team growth is always a pleasant problem to have and the YSSC Coaching Staff is committed to grow our program offerings with the growth of the program.

Group promotion letters have been sent out. If you have not received a letter, then you may register your swimmer for their most recent practice group. Please contact your group coach if you have any questions. Don't forget about our Early Cuke Registration incentive for those who register by August 14th!

There's swimming and there's YSSC Swimming. Thank you for being part of the difference!

GO CUKES!!!

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