



# ***FALL to WINTER UPDATE - 11.13***

Hello BACers!

I think we'd all agree that the sudden change of weather this week underscores that we're rapidly moving out of 'fall' and into 'winter'. And even though we have 3 full weeks left in our fall BAC session, it's time to start thinking about winter swimming!

First, we have been **THRILLED at such a successful fall season**. It was great to see so many returning BACers this past fall and to welcome in so many new swimmers. We've been really excited by the growth with some of our groups. We've brought in some new coaches and have placed some returning coaches into new roles, all of which has gone really well. We had a successful Fall Social and a really fun travel trip to Michigan! We've also had a TON of success IN the pool and at meets – we already have 20 more state qualifiers than we did a year ago!

Second, we've posted the **HOLIDAY SPLASH**. This meet marks the halfway point of the season, the transition from fall session to winter session, and is the 'last chance qualifier' for swimmers looking to compete at the 12-under Single Age State Championships. As you know, we've had to make some changes to this meet from what was originally planned. Here are the highlights of the new meet structure – this is a 'should definitely attend' meet for basically all of our swimmers. You can reach out to your swimmer's coach for any suggestions on event selection.

- The meet is now ONE DAY ONLY – Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>
- The meet has been moved to McFARLAND HIGH SCHOOL
- The meet still has 3 sessions; 11-12, Open & 8-Under, 10-under
- Swimmers can do 3 individual events – no relays
- We offered a ton of events each day – especially for the 12-under age groups as they're potentially looking for Single Age State qualification times
- All events will be run with COMBINED GENDERS – this will save about an hour over the course of the meet :^)
- Due to the combined genders, consecutive events will be VERY close together, and swimmers should likely avoid doing them

The meet is on our web and open, and the deadline is Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> (Thanksgiving!). Again, reach out to Jacob or to your swimmer's coach with any questions.

Finally, **WINTER REGISTRATION FOR OUR CURRENT FALL SWIMMERS**.

- Some of you may have noticed an open registration link advertised on the front of the web. This link is NOT for our current BACers. Instead, it's for perspective new swimmers
- Registration for winter for all of you is easy and only takes a minute!
  - Winter registration is listed like a meet on our website
  - If you're swimming, just select "Yes". If not - :^( - just select "No"
- WE WOULD LIKE COMMITMENTS FOR THE WINTER SESSION BY THE END OF THE WEEK.
- For swimmers that ARE swimming this winter but have NOT registered with USA Swimming this fall, you'll get an email from Chris about getting your registration set up through December 2023.

**That's it for now – excited for next weekend – GO BAC!**