



Welcome to the 2021 Fall Season

Hello Ozaukee Aquatics Family!

Whether you were away for the summer, enjoyed a few weeks off in August, or are new to the program, welcome! We are coming off a tremendous season; numerous new state qualifiers, a dramatic increase in summer participation, and a revival of the opportunities that “pre-COVID” life provided. As a staff, we have had plenty to reflect upon, and we look forward to the opportunity to improve the quality of our program this Fall. As we look ahead, there are a few changes to be prepared for.

1. COVID Protocols to Match WFB School District

As every business and location has its own COVID protocols, we will prioritize following the policies mandated by the School District of Whitefish Bay. As it currently stands, the only policy in place is that all individuals, vaccinated or not, will be required to wear a mask indoors. Swimmers are asked to keep their masks on until it is their time to get in the water. All staff members will have a mask on while coaching. If a swimmer needs to leave the pool for a bathroom purpose, they are required to put their mask on before proceeding.

We will also continue our protocol of spacing out each training group to their own set of bleachers for their belongings. We will help chauffeur swimmers to the right location, and they can expect the bleachers they are using to be the bleachers they use all season long. We are relieved to have the flexibility of using the “downstairs” pool again this fall, so one or two groups can expect to be down there every evening. This will help greatly with our spacing, both on deck and in the pool. As the season unfolds, we will keep you up to date on any policies changes as they happen.

A big change from those who have been with us is the return of locker room access. This is a monumental step in many ways, so it is substantially more important that we respect the opportunities we are given. For the current time, we would ask that swimmers use the locker rooms primarily for changing purposes only, using showers only as needed.

We would also like to enforce a “ten-minute rule”, that swimmers are only down in the locker rooms for no more than ten minutes following the conclusion of their practice. We know lots of “fun” can happen in the locker rooms. However, given that we cannot have eyes on the children in this private setting, from COVID protocol to individual safety, we recommend you only allow your children to use the locker room at your discretion. Masks will be required unless showering. Individuals not following this rule, or demonstrating behaviors that are not locker room-appropriate will lose their locker room access until further notice.

2. New Parent Meeting (Monday, September 13th)

After we get a week into our season, we welcome all our new families to join us for our new parent meeting on Monday, September 13th @ 7:30pm. This will be a zoom meeting, so in case you are unable to attend, a recording of the meeting will be made available. A link to the zoom meeting will be sent later in the week, once we know we have a majority of our program verified in our system! This meeting will cover a season outlook, swim meets, volunteer requirements, and future fundraising opportunities. Please come ready with questions!

3. Update your Child’s Equipment Bag!

It’s always a good idea to check on your child’s equipment bag to make sure their equipment is still in good condition! Plus, I’m sure plenty of our swimmers have grown out of their fins! Especially during these times where sharing is not the first choice, it’s a healthy option to make sure your child has their own equipment. Head over to our website, ozaukeeaquatics.com, hover over the “member information” tab, and click “Equipment / Team Store”. All of your equipment needs can be found with our Elsmore team, and will ship directly to you! Below is a list of the equipment we would like for each training group to possess:

Super 7 / Bronze- We will take care of you!

Silver- Flippers are a good idea, but we will also provide all equipment.

Gold- Kickboard, Flippers, Pull Buoy, Paddles (Optional)

Junior- Kickboard, Flippers, Pull Buoy, Paddles, Snorkel (Optional)

Senior- Kickboard, Flippers, Pull Buoy, Paddles, Snorkel

4. Welcome Back Coach Bailey, and Welcome to Coach Jack!

With the busy fall we are expecting, we are excited to introduce and re-welcome our coaches on deck this fall. Coach Bailey, who primarily led our Gold Group, will be returning two nights a week to help between the Senior, Gold, and Silver groups. The UWM Alum, and more importantly, OZ

alum, knows all about our traditions and culture at Ozaukee Aquatics, and we are very lucky to have his expertise again this fall!

Additionally, we are elated to welcome Coach Jack O'Connor to the WFB staff! Jack and his family moved to the Grafton, WI area while he was attending and swimming for Wheaton College in Illinois. All three of Jack's brothers, along with Jack, quickly became members of Ozaukee Aquatics, and we are now excited for Jack to join the other side of the pool as he coaches our Senior, Junior, and Gold groups. A prolific sprinter in college, Jack is eager to start coaching and will bring a wealth of knowledge that all levels of our program can benefit from.

Don't forget your swimmer will need to be registered before you may come to practice. We are excited about a fun-filled, busy fall season! The world seems to be trending in a positive direction, and we at Ozaukee Aquatics are eager to take advantage! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out! We can't wait to see our swimmers again soon!

Go Oz!

Coach Tom