

May 26, 2020

Stingray Families,

The best part of my job is getting to spend time with the swimmers. I have been working without the best part of my job since March 17th. I am more excited than you could know to see the swimmers next week. I will appreciate all of you much more than I ever did before.

Thanks to all of you for your patience as I get together the information for this season. I'm trying to get everything out as soon as possible.

We are so fortunate to have a place to swim!

I know there are a lot of teams struggling to find pool time and I am really happy to be working at a YMCA that is eager to open again and to serve its members.

As always the safety of our swimmers comes first. With the YMCA, we are working to provide a safe place for your kids to swim. We ask for everyone's safety and comfort that you help by following the new procedures and doing what you can do to help provide a safe and clean environment for everyone. If you have questions or suggestions on how we can do this better, please let me know.

I have attached a copy of the initial season practice schedule. One schedule lists the schedule by name, and the other shows swimmers in their practice groups and lanes. I was not able to accommodate all the preferences for practice times since we have relatively limited space to work with.

This will be the schedule for the first few weeks of practices. The schedule may change after that as other options become available. I wish I could give you a schedule for the entire season, but I don't have all the information I need to be able to do so. I'll get info out as soon as I can. I am hoping that this schedule will work for everyone as much as possible. If not please let me know and I'll try to make some adjustments where I can. There isn't a lot of room to make changes or substitutions though.

- If you didn't respond to the survey, you are not on the list for practices. If you'd like to start June 1, please let me know ASAP and I'll try to find a spot for you.
- If you will be starting later in June, you are not on this schedule. Please let me know when you plan to return and I'll add you.

We only allowed new swimmers to join if they already had a sibling on the team. Those swimmers will use their first week of practice as their evaluation for the team. After that, they will be able to either register for the team, or we will recommend a swim lesson to get ready for the fall.

Additional info will be out later this week with registration info, YMCA procedures, and other info you'll need for this season.

Some great things will come from this schedule. Swimmers will have more space in their lanes than ever before and they'll be able to get a lot more individualized coaching. I am looking forward to having only a few swimmers per lane.

If you have any questions, please email me.

Dave