

# LY PARENTS MEETING NOTES

MAY 4, 2020

- Thank you for the amazing support both financial and in spirit over the past 7 weeks.
  - Over the last few weeks we have been doing Zoom meetings with the different groups. These went well and we will continue to do them.
  - I appreciate the comments and suggestions about the daily e-mails. We will continue to do these as well.
- Tonight's purpose is to give you an understanding of the "lay of the land" as it pertains to us returning to full normal practice and meets.
- **GETTING BACK TO PRACTICE:**
  - Today's announcement by the governor paves the way for the likely partial opening of the Y on May 15.
  - As our state will open in phases, so will our YMCA. First phase will likely involve restrictions on number of people in the Y
    - May include online sign-ups for one person – one lane swimming in 30 minute blocks
    - This first phase will not likely include resumption of normal swim practice
    - First phase will probably last a few weeks
    - We will explore possibility of doing outdoor group dryland following social distancing protocols.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> phase may include some swim team practice but we will likely have restrictions on time, number of people, locker room use, etc.
  - Miller Park will probably open on July 1 or not at all this summer.
  - Our primary swimming locations until then will likely be the Y. We will look into other options such as LU, Sweet Briar, Randolph, etc.
  - Because of this forced break this spring, we do NOT intend to take an LY team break in August as in past years.
  - Because the LAL will not be operating a season this year, we intend to offer options for the Bronze and Silver groups who don't normally get to swim with LY in the summer. Abby will be contacting you to gauge interest.
- **GETTING BACK TO COMPETITION:**
  - Virginia Swimming will not be holding a traditional long course championship season.
  - If there is any long course competition this summer, it will likely be at the end of July or possibly in August.
  - As a team, when we get back into the water, our focus will be on preparing for competition in December
  - Because of restrictions on the number of people who can gather in one location, swim meets will probably look different from now into 2021
    - We will probably have smaller meets, less travel, and maybe "virtual meets" where each team competes at its own pool and the results are combined electronically.

- Much of the competitive schedule going forward is “to be determined” based on what happens in the next few months.
- LY AWARDS BANQUET
  - We are exploring the option of doing our award banquet remotely or over Zoom call or something similar.
  - Goal is to get it done before the end of May so that we get to include all of our Seniors.
  - Date/time/plan will be communicated soon.
  - Please send any picture contributions to Ellie Eckert at [elliemeckert@gmail.com](mailto:elliemeckert@gmail.com)
- SAFESPORT
  - “Safe Sport” is the name given to the collective effort among Olympic sports to end the abuse of children.
  - USA Swimming has created a “Safe Sport Recognition” to be bestowed on clubs who meet certain metrics and achieve benchmarks relative to educating coaches, parents, and swimmers and structuring the club so as to best protect our members from abuse.
  - Your (parents and swimmers) role will primarily be to take an online course from USA Swimming. We have to achieve a certain % of our membership of both parents and swimmers to achieve the Safe Sport Recognition.
  - OUR GOAL: Safe Sport Recognition requirements complete by August 1.
- MISCELLANEOUS
  - Abby will be contacting you soon about Fundraising and Kroger Rewards

THANK YOU - PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS!