

Coaches Corner to Sharks Membership

Welcome to our 2020-21 Season. As we all aware things have been a little different - guess we can say challenging and constantly changing, in many cases on short notice which has not been planned. We greatly appreciate how flexible and understanding folks have been through it all. We're also very grateful for all the support, along with folks stepping up to volunteer in many ways, even without our hosting large meets/events to date. Now as one of the few teams able to host events in good facilities we continue to ask for your help (even if it's for half a day) and putting our kid's opportunities out front. To be successful, the team's interests and needs come first. This means "we optic" vision (what's in it for we), a challenging step up from the common "me-optic" mindset. This way everyone benefits. Remember, 1% of 100 folks is better than 10% of say 10+ folks, so every little bit helps, plus it's shows a good example for our youngsters

Upcoming events that involves & benefits everyone:

Annual Capital campaign(sponsorships)- which donations are used for enhancing the program outside of our general operating budget. Ex. Audio/visual equipment -the headsets (still need a few more) have been a great help to teaching/communicating.

Hosted meets (see our event calendar) but key to helping maintain a balanced budget (as most are aware, we lost income opportunities last spring due to Covid).

Oct. 3-4 our 5th Annual Pentathlon – which this year we had to break out over 2 days/4 sessions and not have our 8 & under events incorporated (which we'll do a few smaller developmental meets). So for our little ones take advantage of these & the Oct. 24th 10 & under meet in the area. Let our volunteer Officials know how much you appreciate their help!

We are looking at hosting a possible Nov. 14th a 12 and under event as there are no other meets currently being hosted. Also looking at a Dec. 5-6 or 19-20 event. Yes, a few more meets but smaller #'s. The staff is working to have these dates firmed up fairly soon and will post.

Practice attendance and consistency are key to any growth or progress in learning and improvement. We realize we've had to restructure some of the schedule and added more time on Saturdays and Sunday afternoons, (more pool rental & staffing hours) which we encourage folks to take advantage of these times/opportunities. If you have questions about any of this, talk with your coach or reach out to our parent reps to better understand the why.

Staffing update – still pursuing & interviewing for another assistant, lead Pre-Sr. coach. This is more than just finding someone who wishes to teach/coach but having updated certifications, background/reference checks as well finding the right fit as we prefer to have staff who can support our philosophy, being able to coach multiple ages/skill levels. Our young lady who we announced still wishes to be involved. We are still interviewing quality people and will keep membership informed. For now, Coach Tim & Dacia are planning & doing most of the coaching.

Let's continue to C.A.R.E - pull together and experience the extraordinary power of teamwork. There is no limit to what can be accomplished if it doesn't matter who get the credit.