

April 21, 2021

Dear Swim & Dive Team Families,

Welcome to the 2021 Willowbrook Swim & Dive Team! We hope everyone had a great winter and is looking forward to our upcoming summer season! Kelly Blacker will return as our Head Coach. Our season will kick off on **Saturday, May 29th with our team sign up and swimmer evaluations**. Stop by between **10:00 am and 12:00pm** to meet the coaches.

The cost for the swim/dive team is **\$150** per swimmer. ***This will include your swim/dive team registration fee, 1 latex cap, and 1 team t-shirt.***

TEAM SUITS and CAPS:

In May we will send a link for our team page with KB Swim and Sport. You will be able to order the team suit, custom caps and practice suits, goggles, etc. Latex team caps will be provided to each swimmer. Silicon caps and CUSTOMIZED silicon caps will be available for purchase on our team page. **ALL ORDERS FOR TEAM SUITS AND SILICON CAPS MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN Tuesday, JUNE 1st to receive this merchandise in time for the season.**

NEW SWIMMERS:

All new swimmers must schedule an assessment with Kelly before swim practice begins. Kelly will be available for assessments during the team sign up on May 29th. Swimmers must be able to swim 1 length of the pool without stopping or assistance to be on the swim team. This rule is to ensure the safety of all swimmers on the team. Swimmers who are not ready to begin practice with the swim team, will be encouraged to start out with our "pre-team" group. If you are not available for an assessment on the day of the Meet & Greet, please send an email to: willowbrookswimtennis@gmail.com.

TIME TRIALS:

We will hold time trials during our regularly scheduled swim team practice. We will offer two time trial options for all age groups. **TIME TRIALS ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL SWIMMERS TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETS.** Each swim team family will have to sign-up for their preferred time trial session.

SESSION 1: Wednesday, June 30th at 4:30 pm

SESSION 2: Thursday, July 1st at 4:30 pm

Each swimmer only needs to attend one time trial.

We will follow the same meet policy as we have used in previous seasons. Please see below for the details on this policy.

SWIM MEETS:

A dual "A" meet calendar is in development and will be shared when it is available. Some meets may be in person (with possible limitations) and some may be virtual (i.e. each team swims at their own pool and times are compared at a later time). "B" meets will also be scheduled, but there will likely not be as many as in previous seasons.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

PRE-SEASON:

Starting Monday, June 21:

ALL age groups:

Monday 6/21 – Friday 6/25

Swimming:

10 & Under: 4:30 – 5:30 pm

11 & Over: 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Diving: 5:00 - 6:30 pm

REGULAR SEASON PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

Beginning Monday, June 28

Monday – Friday

MORNING:

10 & Under: 10:30 – 11:30 am

11 & Over: 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

AFTERNOON:

10 & Under: 4:30 – 5:30 pm

11 & Over: 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Diving:

Monday – Friday

5:00 - 6:30 pm

Each swimmer may choose to attend either morning or afternoon practices, but may not attend both.

The Willowbrook Swim & Dive Team would not be able to run without help from our parents. **For the 2021 season, it is mandatory for each family to sign up for at least one volunteer position.** This does not require each family to volunteer at every meet, but each family must provide at least one volunteer at least once over the course of the summer. Volunteer sign ups will be available at the team sign up.

We look forward to another great summer with everyone!!

Head Coach
Kelly Blacker

Swim Meet Policy:

Every swimmer's participation contributes to the team's success. To ensure participation by every swimmer regardless of experience, there are three types of meets: "A" meets, "B" meets, and Invitational meets. The coaching staff will determine who will swim in each type of meet according to the following criteria: "A" meet participants will include the 2 fastest timed swimmers in each event within each age group for home meets and the 3 fastest swimmers for away meets. However, on occasion a swimmer may be asked to "Age Up" (swims in an age group with older swimmers). All swimmers who have not placed first in an "A" meet will remain eligible for "B" meets. This is the same system that we have always used and we find it to be the most fair and most appropriate. Considering this criteria, it is mandatory for ALL swimmers to attend our team Time Trials in order to be eligible for "A" meets. We will not use times from the previous summer or from winter swimming. We want to promote the team mentality as much as possible, which is why it is important to time the swimmers in the same pool.