

Dear Swim and Dive Chairs:

Thank you for your important feedback last night as we review possibilities for hosting a modified season for our swimmers, divers, and families. We understand that reservations and concerns remain, but we are proud to have unanimous support in continuing to be open-minded and creative in working on a season. Please share this information with your swim and dive teams, GMs, pool committees, and Boards.

To summarize our meeting outcomes:

1. **Special Committee.** We approved the formation of a special committee to make suggestions for Clubs and the league on how our teams can operate safely during practices and conduct meets in a way that complies with state and local restrictions that may be in place. This committee also will discuss options for a modified champs format.

a. Committee members. Each club should please send me the name of your representative to serve on the special committee prior to Friday, May 8th. Ideally, this person will be someone that understands meets and how they are run (the swimming and diving but also all of the volunteers—timers, scorers, clerk of the course, etc.). Your committee representative does **not** need to be a swim or dive chair but should be a creative person that understands the goals of the league and wants to find ways for our kids to participate.

b. Work. We have already received many great ideas, and we will review helpful USA swimming guidance as well. The goal is to meet two times before the May 21<sup>st</sup> league meeting to discuss and present options for conducting meets and practices in a safe manner that correspond to a range of mass gathering restrictions that may be in place at a given time. The committee will review local guidance, as well as guidance from the states of Missouri and Kansas. (Current guidance is attached).

2. **Championship Meets.**

a. There will be no traditional championship meets this year. Indian Hills Country Club will host swim and Kansas City Country Club will host dive in 2021. (Letter from Indian Hills Country Club is attached.)

b. The special committee will review ideas for a modified champs. Kansas City Country Club has generously offered to host some type of modified champs and celebration for the senior age group and the special committee will discuss this and ideas for other age groups and activities the week of modified champs.

3. **Schedule.** Unfortunately, there were too many unknowns to finalize the calendar at this meeting. We do not believe that we will be able to host meets in early June and the season likely will not start as scheduled. We ask that you please keep the original dates on your calendar

reserved for meets and practices. We will also discuss the possibility of scheduling the modified champs later in July on the week of July 12<sup>th</sup> or July 19<sup>th</sup> but this will be voted on at the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

4. **League fees.** In light of the cancellation of the traditional championship meets and the uncertainty regarding what the season may look like, the League will not be collecting fees at this time. Clubs will have flexibility to use their team fees to help with implementing measures that might be required to host modified meets and creating a positive swim team experience for their kids. If the season moves forward, the league will collect a small fee from each club to cover ribbons and awards, meet referees and stroke judges, and there may be a small fee charged to help cover the modified championship meets after we have a better idea what those may look like.

5. **May 21<sup>st</sup>:** Next League meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30p.m. We plan to discuss (and hopefully vote on):

- a. Recommendations from the special committee for conducting practices, and options available for hosting meets that respond to a range of restrictions;
- b. Modified championships format and proposed date.

6. **May 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Clubs will notify the league of their desire to participate or opt out of the 2020 swim and dive season. Following, the Executive Committee will finalize the meet calendar with participating clubs and schedule necessary pre-season trainings and resume round-up/coaches hiring dates.

Thank you all for your thoughtful consideration of all of the issues surrounding our swim and dive teams and the use of our pools during this pandemic. We remain optimistic that we can create a great and memorable experience for the kids, even amidst these uncertainties and challenges. We hope that everyone continues to stay safe and healthy during this uncertain time.

Sincerely,

Amy Holewinski, President