

Baldwin Whitehall School District

To: All Visiting Swimming and Diving High School Teams 2020-2021
From: Jay Saras Athletic Director, Kim Klinger, Head Swim/Dive Coach
Re: Meet Procedures / Visiting team information

Visiting Team Coaches and Athletic Directors,

As excited as we are for the start of this new swim season to begin, we all have had to make adaptations on how to provide and maintain a safe environment for our athletes. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, protocols have been added to accomplish this. We ask that you and your team please perform a covid-19 health screening before boarding your bus for the meet. We will be screening our athletes, coaches, and parent volunteers before they enter the pool area also. Please take the time to read this letter and if you have any concerns or questions do not hesitate to contact me. In this ever changing time, please understand if we need to alter these restrictions. If that becomes necessary we will notify you before our meet. Baldwin Whitehall is ready to provide a safe facility for all swimmers divers, coaches, officials, and timers.

Entering the building:

- Once you arrive at BHS, we ask that you use the doors on the south lot side of the building. Pool side.
- **MASKS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES BY EVERYONE.** Only when in the water will swimmers and divers be exempted from this requirement.
- You will be directed to the locker rooms, balcony and the far side of the pool under the record board for your teams use.

Use of Locker Rooms:

- Locker rooms will be provided. Please have your athletes arrive in their swimsuits so that the amount of time in the locker room to change is minimal. **MASKS ARE TO BE WORN AT ALL TIMES** . Your swimmers are **not** to leave anything in the locker rooms. They may bring their bags etc onto the pool deck or up into the balcony. A maximum of 12 swimmers are permitted in a locker room at a time. It is your responsibility to oversee that this max number is maintained. The locker rooms will be available during the meet along with the hall way restrooms for emergency use.
- Please enter the locker rooms from the pool deck.
- Baldwin swimmers/divers will also have access to these locker rooms prior to your arrival and after your departure.

- Both teams will not leave anything in the locker rooms.

Seating:

- Visiting team members will have access to the far side of the pool underneath the record board.
- This area on the deck provides you with room for 15 individuals. They will be seated 6 ft apart with a **MASK ON AT ALL TIMES.**
- The left side of the balcony will be available for your team also. The athletes will need to maintain a 6ft distance and **WEAR A MASK AT ALL TIMES.**
- The balcony area has room for 28 swimmers/divers from your team.
- To access the balcony from the pool, the athletes will need to use the back pool doors that exit to the main hallway, make a right and use the stairwell next to the elevator on the right. At the top of the stairs turn right and the balcony is on your right.

Deck Protocol:

- **All coaches, officials, timers and swimmers are to wear their mask at all times.**
- The athletes will be provided with a place to hang their masks prior to the start of their race.
- The pool deck will be marked showing where swimmers should stand
- As a reminder only 1 lap counter at the end of the lane for the 500 freestyle event.

Diving:

- This season Baldwin does currently have female divers only
- Both Male and Female diving events are held at the beginning of the meet. We ask that you limit the number of your divers to 3 Boys and 3 Girls.
- Masks must be worn by all divers until their event begins.
- Each diver will be given a spot to remain until it is their turn to dive then they must return to it.
- Your divers may use the diving board once a coach is there to supervise them
- Diving will occur at the beginning of the meet. Please remind your divers to write legibly on their dive sheets so there is no confusion for the announcer.

Swimming:

- Each team is permitted to bring 40 team members.
- Baldwin is a 6 lane pool.
- As the visiting team your athletes will swim in lanes 4-6. Baldwin will occupy lanes 1-3.
- Please prepare your lineup following the Order of Events the WPIAL listed with diving as events #9 and #10.
- Please take the time to seed your athletes in your TM event files. You will be given a hard copy of your line up to review prior to the start of the swimming events.
- Visiting teams will warm up from 5:15-5:55 pm please space your swimmers accordingly.

- The entire pool will be available to you at this time. Remember you will share with your divers and all swimmers must enter the water feet first until supervised sprints from the block.
- Swim Meets start at 6:00pm unless prior arrangements have been made with both ADs.
- There will also be a 10 minute break after the men's 50 yd freestyle event.
- Please remind your athletes to bring their **own** water bottles. There is a bottle refilling station near the hall way restrooms.
- An athletic trainer will also be on hand to address any injury.

Spectators:

- **At this time we are not permitting any spectators at our home meets. Please inform your swimmers parents. If this changes we will update your team at that time.**

Hy-Tek Meet Manager program will be used for our meets. A printed copy of your times and results will be provided before you leave along with a backup meet file if desired. Feel free to send a roster up to a week ahead of time to kklinger1@pghschools.org

Here is a list of teams and dates, please verify that yours is correct.

Brentwood: Dec. 14, 2020, Seton La Salle :Dec. 21, 2020.

Elizabeth Forward: Jan.5, 2021, Thomas Jefferson: Jan. 12, 2021

Upper St Clair: Jan. 14, 2021, Shaler: Jan. 19, 2021,

Canon Mac: Jan. 28, 2021, Central/Oakland Catholic: Feb. 11, 2021

Bethel Park: Feb. 18, 2021

If you have any questions or special accommodations, please contact Kim Klinger at 412-721-0376, email (kklinger1@pghschools.org) or our Athletic Director Jay Saras at 412-885-7515. Best of Luck during the 2020-2021 Season. See you on deck soon!