

## *Smyrna Sharks – Important Meet Notes and Reminders*

### ***Swimsuits and Caps***

- All sharks must wear the official team suit in order to compete in the meets this year. If your child comes to a meet without an official team suit, they will not be allowed to participate in the meet. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
- Atlanta Swim Association (ASA, our new league) does not prohibit caps from high school or USA teams; however, it is our team policy to encourage our team cap to be worn at swim meets.
- All girls and any boys with long hair **MUST** wear a swim cap during the meet

### ***Weather Delays at Meets***

- All communications regarding weather delays at the meets will be done via alerts through the Swimtopia app. If you don't have the app yet, go to our website on the home page for instructions on how to find the app.
- In the event of a weather delay, please do not leave the meet unless you hear from me that it has been cancelled. If you leave and the meet resumes, the team could miss out on points due to the absence of your swimmer, potentially causing us to lose the meet. If this happens, your child will be prohibited from swimming in the next meet. Please ensure that you have push notifications enabled in your Swimtopia app (if you do not have the app, you will receive all communications via email as well, so please ensure that your email is in your registration account through our website)

### ***Bullpens***

- With the exception of going to the restroom or grabbing a bite to eat, ***we request that all swimmers remain in their bullpens during the meet.*** We have bullpens for a reason, and it is not fair to the bullpen parents to be running around at the last minute trying to find kids for an individual event or a relay. Bullpens allow us to ensure that our kids will not miss an event and cost the team points, not to mention that they will miss their event! Remember also, if your child misses a relay, the entire relay team misses their event. Again, all swimmers are to remain in or around their respective bullpens during the meet with the exceptions mentioned above. If you take them out, it is your responsibility to have them back to their bullpen at least 4 to 5 events ahead of their next event.
- If kids want to leave the bullpen to cheer on their teammates, that is OK, particularly for the older kids. However, please make sure that your kids

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notify their bullpen parents and that they know to be back in their bullpen well in advance, 4 to 5 events, ahead of their next event.

### ***Conduct/ Behavior, Parents and Swimmers***

- See the sportsmanship excerpt on the last page from the ASA League Meet Manual.
- Good sportsmanship is expected of everyone involved with our organization, including board members, coordinators, coaches, parents and swimmers
- ***Referees - parents are strictly prohibited from addressing or harassing a referee at a meet.*** If there is any sort of problem, please address it with Kevin Lyon or our head coach, Sam Boatwright. If it is something that needs to be addressed with the referee, one of us will take care of it.  
***Violation of this policy will result in you being removed from the pool deck.***
- ***Volunteers - parents are also strictly prohibited from addressing or harassing volunteers from our team and especially the other team (this includes timers, place judges, etc.) at a meet.*** If there is any sort of problem, please address it with me (Kevin Lyon). If it is something that needs to be addressed with one of the volunteers or the coordinator from the other team, I will take care of it. Please remember that these are all parents volunteering their time to help us run these meets. They are not professionals, and I will not tolerate them being harassed in any manner.  
***Violation of this policy will result in you being removed from the pool deck.***

### ***Things to Remember for the Meet***

- Heat Sheet and Sharpie - the heat sheet will be posted on meet day at around 2:00 PM (or as soon thereafter as humanly possible) on the Meet Signup Calendar page on our website as an attachment under each meet. Please print a copy of the heat sheet and bring it, along with a sharpie, to mark up your kids with their events.
- Lawn Chairs - you need to bring your own seating for most meets, unless otherwise noted
- Towels - bring plenty of towels for your kids to sit on and dry off with

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- Goggles - always have at least two pairs of goggles in your kid's swim bag. There will come a time when you will need those back up goggles!
- Coolers - this is optional, but coolers are allowed at all home meets. We always pack plenty of liquids and healthy snacks. However, please make sure to also patronize the concessions stands, both at home and away meets, as concessions sales are an important revenue source for all of the teams in our league.
- Sunscreen - it will be hot and there will be little shade at some of the pools we compete at
- Games - you may want to consider bringing your younger kids some games or other activities to keep them busy. Swim meets can get long, and the kids often enjoy playing UNO and other such games to help pass the time between events.
- ***Please do not bring or allow your children to use sidewalk chalk or any other means of writing on any pool decks, home or away. Artwork on the pool deck is PROHIBITED.***

## **Atlanta Swim Association Sportsmanship**

The Atlanta Swim Association has a Code of Ethics that is used as a guide for the swim league. Adherence to this code is required, and failure to comply with these standards may result in disciplinary action from the league.

**All** Team Representatives, Coaches, Participants, Officials, and Spectators will treat other Team Representatives, Coaches, Participants, Officials, and Spectators with respect and civility.

**All** Team Representatives, Coaches, Participants, Official, and Spectators will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship for all participants.

**All** Team Representatives, Coaches, Participants, Officials, and Spectators will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all participants, coaches, and officials at every event, practice, and meeting.

**All** Team Representatives, Coaches, Participants, Officials, and Spectators shall provide support for coaches and officials working with the league to provide a positive and enjoyable experience for all.

**All** Team Representatives, Coaches, Participants, Officials, and Spectators will place the emotional and physical well being of their participants ahead of a personal desire to win.

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**All** Team Representatives, Coaches, Participants, Officials, and Spectators will treat each participant as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development of members of the same age group.

**All** Team Representatives, Coaches, and Officials will do their best to provide a safe playing situation and environment.

**All** Team Representatives, Coaches, and Officials will do their best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all participants.

**All** Team Representatives, Coaches, and Officials will be knowledgeable in the rules of the league and the sport, and will teach these rules to their participants and parents.

**All** Team Representatives and Coaches will use coaching techniques appropriate for the league and the sport of swimming.

**All** Team Representatives, Coaches, Participants, Officials, and Spectators must remember that the league is for children and not for adults. The Atlanta Swim Association is an introductory program for recreational swimming. Year round and intensely competitive programs are available from several local US Swimming Clubs.

**Individuals not complying with these rules will be subject to suspension or dismissal from the league. A panel of League Officials, Team Representatives and Coaches will be responsible for hearing any complaints pertaining to this rule during the season and rendering any penalty if necessary.**