

Dear Fairfield County Swimming League Members,

I hope all of you are staying safe, healthy, and home. I also appreciate your patience and support during this unprecedented pandemic.

The world has changed over the past few weeks and we are navigating uncharted waters but we are trying to find the best possible solutions for our summer swimming, diving and water polo programs. Our goal is to ensure our young athletes have a safe, fun, stress-reducing summer while we all hopefully acclimate back into a more normal way of day-to-day life.

The FCSL Board held an emergency virtual meeting last night to discuss the current situation and how it might impact our summer season.

Our current thoughts are as follows:

- As of now, we are proceeding with the summer season as planned. We are not planning on postponing the season at this time. However we will be postponing the following:
 - League Kick-off dinner: Postponed from June 4th to later in June. A new date will be announced in the coming weeks. If future state guidelines prohibit us from holding mass gatherings we will investigate potentially hosting this meeting virtually.
 - Club Dues: Invoicing for the 2020 season will be postponed until the end of May. If the season is significantly altered or cancelled these fees (or a portion thereof) can be rolled over to 2021.
- Due to the lack of swim training ability during this unprecedented time, the Board is recommending no teams will move up or down in division standings at the end of this summer. This must be voted on by the League at our League Kick-off dinner.
- We will continue to monitor the situation in accordance with the CDC, state, and the local health departments and will follow any directives released by those authorities. We will also look to the USA Swimming, Diving and Water Polo sports governing bodies for direction as well as member clubs open/close status in May, June, July and August. Based on this, we have formed a committee that will:
 - Begin to work on possible if/then scheduling modifications.
 - Investigate alternative meet formats and meet management to minimize social interaction.
 - Brainstorm ways for our swimmers, divers and water polo players to interact in a safe, fun manner in any way possible.

We appreciate your understanding as we work through this dynamic and ever-changing situation, while keeping your families safety at the forefront of all decision-making. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with questions or immediate concerns.

Kind regards,
Megan Kelly
FCSL President