

March 18, 2007

Dear Dolphins Families and Friends,

It is time to register for the 2007 summer swim season! **Priority registration for returning Dolphins runs through April 7. Open registration runs from April 8 through May 12.** Late fees will apply after May 12. As we look forward to our second year as a part of the Old Dominion Swim League (ODSL), we will continue with many familiar routines from last year, with a few new to keep things interesting.

Season Schedule

The practice schedule will be very much the same as it was last season, with practices at the Lovettsville Community Center to begin the first week of June. Age groups will be assigned to specific practice times after registration is completed and we know how many swimmers of each age we have, but in general we will be practicing Mondays through Thursdays 6:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m., and Saturdays 8:00-11:30 a.m., <u>through June 21</u>, then our Tuesday and Thursday practices will run from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and 8:00-9:15 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays remain the same, and Saturdays will be for meets. New for this year, a smaller number of swimmers will go to our Wednesday meets, which will be against smaller league teams. Practices will be held on Wednesdays for those not attending the meet. All Saturday meets will be against other large teams. The League meet schedule is nearly finalized, and some changes there should improve upon last year. The Championship Meet is scheduled for Saturday, July 28. Changing that event to a Saturday is only one of the modifications in the works to improve that event.

Summer Swim Team Registration

Registration for returning Dolphins families, now through April 7, is an opportunity for our returning families to enjoy priority registration and secure their space on the team before we open it to the rest of the community. Every year we grow, and we anticipate the same this year as new families continue to move to our Lovettsville, Waterford, and surrounding communities. Space limitations and safety requirements mean that team size must be limited. Please take advantage of this opportunity and sign up early! Open registration will begin April 8 and continue through May 12, culminating with a team outfitting event at the Community Center on that date where registered swimmers can pick up pre-ordered suits and Spirit Wear, and/or place additional orders.

To register, please mail the enclosed registration forms, with your payment, to:	Bridget Segerdahl
	5 Tilgham Place
	Lovettsville, VA 20180

To complete your registration, the following forms are required. Registration forms received without payment or without required signatures cannot be processed.

- Dolphins Registration Form 2007
- Continuation Sheet (if registering more than 2 swimmers)
- Emergency Medical Form
- ODSL Code of Conduct

All families are encouraged to register as early as possible! Early registration not only ensures your space on the team, but it is very helpful in providing information for planning purposes regarding the numbers and ages of swimmers to expect.

Team Suits and Spirit Wear

This is our year for a new team suit (manufacturers offer suits on two-year cycles). Our new suit will be the TYR "Flash" in blue. A picture of the suit will be posted to the team website soon. We have a new team outfitter, Cassel's, which is located just off Route 28 in Herndon. Through our partnership with them, we will be able to offer a *significant* discount on team suits, a variety of fun items to show your team spirit such as flip-flops, car magnets, "tattoos" and more, and a discount card for purchases of any swim-related items from their store in Herndon for each family that purchases a team suit. Team outfitting will take place much earlier this year. We will begin taking orders for team suits and other items in April, and the Cassel's representative will make an onsite visit to the Community Center in May.

Volunteers

As always, we depend on our volunteers for a successful summer swim season, and we need <u>everyone's</u> help! Your time as a swim team volunteer makes the meets run smoothly, allows us to offer fun social and team-building activities, and helps raise the funds needed to pay for pool time, equipment, insurance, league fees, awards, and everything else that a swim team needs. The Lovettsville Dolphins Swim Team has a lot to offer our children, and we all have a role to play to make that happen!

As we did last year, we require each family to participate in at least a minimum number of meets and on a committee or social event. This is a common requirement for any summer swim team. An opt-out fee is available for those unable to participate in this way. Job descriptions and sign-up forms will be available soon so you can sign up for <u>specific</u> jobs and <u>specific</u> meets. Please take the initiative to step up and sign up in advance for your volunteer positions, and once you sign up for a specific job, please be faithful in honoring that commitment or finding a substitute if you are unable to do so. No one should have to pursue parents to make or keep a commitment to fulfill their volunteer obligation.

In addition to positions related to a specific meet or a specific event, there are volunteer positions that span the entire swim season, and we have a number of these positions to fill this year. Among the critical needs at this time are assistant coaches, especially one or more people to work with our developmental swimmers, a Volunteer Coordinator to oversee the logistics of making sure each meat and each event is fully staffed, and members of the Board of Directors. Members of the Board fill a critical role in pre-season planning and ongoing oversight to keep the Dolphins organization running smoothly and improving from year to year. We need your ideas and abilities to ensure that we maintain a successful and dynamic swim team! Please consider filling one of these critical roles for the 2007 swim season. Let us know you are considering one of these positions by sending e-mail to <u>dolphinsmail@aol.com</u> as soon as possible.

We look forward to another **fun** and **successful** swim season! Please keep your eyes and ears open for upcoming swim team meetings and other notifications. And remember to register early!

Thank you,

The Lovettsville Swim Team Board



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Lovettsville Dolphins Emergency Contacts, continued

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If registering more than 6 swimmers, put information for each additional child in the Notes section.

OLD DOMINION SWIM LEAGUE CODE OF CONDUCT

The purpose of the Old Dominion Swim League Code of Conduct is to establish standards of conduct that our swimmers, officials and parents are expected to uphold while participating in sanctioned swim meets of the Old Dominion Swim League. It is a goal of the Old Dominion Swim League that these standards of conduct be incorporated into the daily management of the teams within the league.

1. No team personnel, competitor or spectator shall act in an unsportsmanlike manner. This includes, but is not limited, to the following:

- a. Making insulting or derogatory remarks, gestures or acts, including taunting.
- b. Trying to influence or showing disgust with officials' decisions.
- c. Interfering with meet officials in the performance of their duties.
- d. Using obscene language.

2. The use of tobacco or alcoholic products is **not** permitted at the pool facility before, during or after League sponsored meets. The pool facility includes all parking lots and buildings associated with the pool facility.

3. No Team Representative or official shall direct the modification of disqualification cards following the final approval of the meet Referee. (Rules for appealing are described within League Rules.)

4. Competitors shall not participate in after-meet celebrations which include:

- a. Running and shoving.
- b. Throwing trash or other debris into the pool.
- c. Pushing or shoving individuals into the pool.

5. Competitors shall maintain orderly conduct within the team area. No running, pushing or shoving shall be permitted.

6. No team personnel/competitor shall enter the water without the Referee's approval. This includes pre-meet warm-ups and individual events.

7. No competitor shall intentionally contact or hold another competitor during the swimming of an event which results in impeding the progress of that competitor.

8. The reporting of a violation to these Codes of Conduct will be through the Team Representative to the meet Referee. If after receiving one warning the behavior continues, the individual(s) involved shall be requested to leave the premises.

9. If a team or individual has repeated offenses, the league board will be consulted for further actions, to include barring the offender from further participation in league activities.

Parent Signature _____