



# Inclement Weather Plan & Text Alerts

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## Text Group Sign-Up (GroupMe)

Sign up for text alerts for ALL GROUPS that you have swimmers participating in.

We have split the text groups by team divisions to limit unnecessary text alerts when possible.

- **Novice:** [https://groupme.com/join\\_group/109335945/ll8RaHrB](https://groupme.com/join_group/109335945/ll8RaHrB)
- **9 & Under:** [https://groupme.com/join\\_group/109335827/BXasA4Nl](https://groupme.com/join_group/109335827/BXasA4Nl)
- **Age Group:** [https://groupme.com/join\\_group/109335924/52OqcjBD](https://groupme.com/join_group/109335924/52OqcjBD)
- **High School Group:** [https://groupme.com/join\\_group/109336086/xb9Rvk0F](https://groupme.com/join_group/109336086/xb9Rvk0F)
- **Middle School Training Group (6:45pm, September–November 2025):**  
[https://groupme.com/join\\_group/109336160/K4ZdsahR](https://groupme.com/join_group/109336160/K4ZdsahR)
- **6:45pm AG/MS Group (November 2025–May 2026):**  
[https://groupme.com/join\\_group/109336225/PT69qtYr](https://groupme.com/join_group/109336225/PT69qtYr)

## Outdoor Pool Use and Practice Cancellations

We will continue practice in the outdoor pool during light rain, as long as there is no thunder or lightning and visibility above and below the water is safe.

- Timeline for cancellations:
  - Because weather can shift quickly, cancellation decisions are made as close to practice time as possible.
  - Exceptions: if severe weather is clearly approaching, we may cancel earlier.
  - If practice must end early, we have protocols in place for safe dismissal.

## Moving Indoors and Make-Up Practices

Each group has a set number of 'rain outs' before moving indoors or scheduling a make-up:

- **Novice:** 2 per season (no make-up).
- **9 & Under:** 1 per month (no make-up).
- **Age Group:** 2 per month (no make-up).
- After the rain-out allowance:
  - Groups may be moved to the indoor pool. (We'll let you know in advance if your group is next to rotate inside.)

- A make-up practice may be scheduled:
  - **9 & Under → Saturday make-up**
  - **Age Group → opportunity to attend both Friday & Saturday**
  - **Novice → season extension, Saturday make-up, or indoor pool option**

**Important capacity note:** No make-ups or extra attendances are permitted during Monday–Thursday practices to maintain safe coach-to-swimmer ratios and group productivity.

- Communication:
  - Families will receive an email update after any canceled practice, with details about make-ups or the next group to move inside.

## **Division-Specific Notes**

### **9 & Under and Novice**

- Practices are held in the outdoor pool except for Dec/Jan/Feb & June/July PM groups.
- During possible inclement weather, parents are asked to remain on-site in their car.
- Swimmers should bring only essentials (towel & goggles) for quick transitions.
- If practice ends early, swimmers will be escorted to the indoor pool deck to wait for pickup or until practice resumes.

### **Age Group**

- Uses both indoor and outdoor pools.
- Outdoor and indoor groups will rotate cancellations to support consistency for all groups.
- *Example: if an outdoor group is canceled, the next rainout will affect the indoor group.*
- Families will always receive an email update clarifying which group is “next to move inside” or “next to be canceled.”

### **High School Group**

- Practices indoors most of the year.
- When outdoors, the group usually moves inside with a possible delayed start.

### **6:45pm AG/MS (November–May)**

- Options during inclement weather:
  - Reschedule to Wednesday (unscheduled day).
  - Cancel without make-up (depending on frequency of rainouts).
  - Delay start to 7:00 or 7:15pm indoors.

### **Middle School Training Group (September–November)**

- Almost always able to move indoors.
- Indoor practices may be delayed to 7:00pm due to pool usage.