

## **Inclement Weather- text alerts & what to expect**

IMPORTANT! Please sign up for the SMS notifications through your Team Unify account in order to receive "practice time" notifications related to weather. We will ONLY use the text alerts for inclement weather and when practice groups are cancelled or moved inside. All other team news, event sign ups, etc. will continue to be sent by email.

**Follow the steps here for Text Notifications:**

[http://www.crawfishaquatics.com/docs/SMS\\_Sign\\_Up.pdf](http://www.crawfishaquatics.com/docs/SMS_Sign_Up.pdf)

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### **Inclement Weather Days and groups in the Outdoor Pool: What to Expect**

In a "normal Fall", when the weather does not allow us to swim in the outdoor pool, those groups would move inside and all groups continued, using the 2 indoor pools. Current capacity restrictions and social distancing of swimmers in lanes will not allow for this. This is a NEW situation for Crawfish, but we are going to work hard to communicate quickly in the case of inclement weather that does not allow the outdoor pool to be used. *We will practice in light rain when there is no lightning or thunder, provided we have appropriate visibility above and below the water.*

While we do not want any family to drive out to CA only to have practice cancel, we also know that the weather can shift quickly so we will not make any calls about this until just before the start of practice (with the exception of when it is apparent inclement weather is coming). If things are good at the start of practice, we will begin practice! If we have to end practice early, we have protocols in place for that.

**Please review: Planning for Inclement Weather, the outdoor pool & cancellations**

#### **8 & Under and Novice division groups**

- 8 & U and Novice practice in the outdoor pool. They will NOT be moved to the indoor pool for practice. You will receive a separate email with your swimmer's coach and designated spot to meet up for practice.
- If there is the potential of inclement weather, parents are asked to remain on site in their car. If we stop practice early, students will be walked to the indoor pool deck, spaced out and wait to be picked up by parents.
- Swimmers are asked to only bring essentials- a towel & goggles- on the pool deck to help when quick transitions need to be made.

- **Age Group Division**

- Age Group division uses both the outdoor and indoor pools. You will receive a separate email with your Age Group swimmer's coach and pool assignment to report to on the first day of practice.
- If the outdoor pool closes during an Age Group practice, the outdoor pool and indoor pool groups will *rotate* in regard to which group is cancelled.  
*Example:* if an Age Group group from the outdoor pool does not get a practice, the next time a rainout occurs those groups will get to practice inside and the Age Group groups regularly scheduled for the indoor pool will be cancelled. We will send a text notification but will always follow up with an email.

**Make Up practices:**

- We have 2 “rain outs” budgeted for Novice for the season (there will not be a make up)
- We have one "rain out" budgeted for 8 & Under per month (there will not be a make up).
- We have two "rain outs" budgeted for Age Group per month (there will not be a make up).
- After that, we will begin adding make up options which will be scheduled on a Saturday or Sunday for 8 & Under or on a Sunday for Age Group. We will add an additional Age Group practice on a Saturday as needed.
- There are NO make ups or attending days other than your roster days during the Monday-Thursday practices as we must adhere to our capacity guidelines- although groups are smaller this Fall (smaller coach:swimmer ratio, less swimmers per lane) we cannot safely accommodate everyone inside.
- **Any make up practices will be announced by email to the specific groups impacted.**

*We will continue to evaluate this system, adjust and communicate with you. We will track practice cancellations, early finishes and update our process as needed, along the way!*

Current Facility & Wellness Guidelines/ Restrictions are here:  
<http://www.crawfishaquatics.com/swim-team/weekly-newsletter/>