

Inclement Weather- text alerts & what to expect

IMPORTANT! Text Group Sign up for "practice time" notifications *These are NEW groups for Fall 2023, using the Remind app. We will no longer send texts using the Team Unify app.*

Text the code below (including the @) to 81010 for each applicable group:

- Novice- text @crawnovice to 81010
- 8 & U- text @craw8andu to 81010
- Age Group- text @crawag to 81010
- MS Training Group- @23cams to 81010

Please sign up for text alerts for ALL GROUPS that you have swimmers participating in.
We have split the text groups by team divisions to attempt to limit unnecessary text alerts when possible.

Planning for Inclement Weather, the outdoor pool & cancellations

We will practice in the outdoor pool during light rain when there is no lightning or thunder, provided we have appropriate visibility above and below the water.

Timeline for canceling practice: while we do not want any family to drive out to CA only to have practice canceled, we also know that the weather can shift quickly. We will not make any calls about a practice cancellation until just before the start of practice (with the exception of times when it is apparent inclement weather is coming and making the earlier declaration is appropriate). If we have to end practice early, we have protocols in place for that.

Moving to the Indoor Pool and Make Ups: What to Expect

"Rain outs" budgeted by group before moving inside or scheduling a make up

- 2 "rain outs" for Novice for the season (there will not be a make up).
- 1 "rain out" for 8 & Under per month (there will not be a make up).
- 2 "rain outs" for Age Group per month (there will not be a make up).
- After that, we will either:
 - Move the group to the indoor pool (we will announce this ahead of time so that you know "the next time there is inclement weather, you will not be canceled, you will move inside).
 - OR, we will schedule a makeup practice on a Saturday for 8 & Under or open the Friday and Saturday practice up for Age Group swimmers to attend both Friday and Saturday as a make up.
 - *For Novice, in addition to the option to move to the indoor pool once we have exceeded our canceled practice quota, we can extend the season or schedule a Saturday make up*

- **There are NO make ups or attending days other than your roster days during the Monday-Thursday practices for capacity guidelines, coach:swimmer ratio and group productivity.**
 - Any make up practices will be announced by email to the specific groups impacted.
 - You will always receive an email as a follow up to a canceled practice and if there will be a make up or if your group will rotate inside on the next occurrence, etc.
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Additional Notes by Group

8 & Under and Novice division groups

- 8 & U and Novice practice in the outdoor pool.
- If there is the potential of inclement weather, parents are asked to remain on site in their car.
- Swimmers are asked to only bring essentials- a towel & goggles- on the pool deck to help when quick transitions need to be made.
- If we stop practice early, students will be walked to the indoor pool deck to wait for pick up or until the weather clears, if we are unable to return to practice within the scheduled time frame.

Age Group Division

- Age Group division uses both the outdoor and indoor pools but swimmers assigned to the indoor pool need to be on the text alert list also (see below).
- 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 canceled.

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 canceled.

We will always follow up with an email after a canceled practice and always alert an indoor group if they are "next to be canceled" and the outdoor groups if "next occurrence, your group moves inside".