



March 16, 2009

Dear Middies Parents and Swimmers:

Congratulations to all of our 8 and under swimmers for their performance this past weekend. As stated at the meet, it was the largest number of swimmers to ever participate in this meet and our swimmers competed well both days. A special thanks to Edinson, Inga and Jen for making the weekend a fun and successful one.

As for this coming weekend, the meet is once again above the norm in terms of entries and session warm-up and start times have been altered. The weekend schedule is as follows:

**Friday, March 20th**

Session 1 - 4:00 PM Warm-up/**4:30 PM Start**

**Saturday, March 21st**

Session 2 - 8:00 AM Warm-up/9:00 AM Start

Session 3 - **2:30 PM Warm-up/3:30 PM Start**

**Sunday, March 22nd**

Session 4 - 8:00 AM Warm-up/9:00 AM Start

Session 5 - **2:30 PM Warm-up/3:30 PM Start**

I know this has been a very trying season in terms of meets being oversubscribed and time lines stretching beyond the maximum. Please know, however, that all of the Metro Teams as well as the Metro Board are busy trying to come up with solutions to prevent such overcrowding and such interminable meet sessions. Last summer was an olympic year and all teams in the surrounding areas simply grew all at once while the number of meets and sites hosting them remained the same.

I will be attending every Metro meeting and following this issue very closely. If nothing else, on our end I will be looking to come up with other meet opportunities at home to balance these longer and more tedious sessions for our swimmers. After all, though very difficult to run, our home meets were the shortest meets we attended this season.

I have posted a new entry for this weekends Age Group Meet once again today with all scratches so far. The "Final Entry" link also contains the new time information.

As for our Junior Olympics entry, I am overjoyed to announce that 23 swimmers have already qualified for 111 individual events this year. We had 24 new cuts made between the Asphalt Green and Silvers weekends and the confidence level of our swimmers is rising by the day.

Of course, any new cuts made this weekend can be added to the entry. However, **I must send out our entry by tomorrow and ask that all swimmers scratching any portion of this meet do so by 12 PM tomorrow, March 17th.** I am hoping to have not only A relays for the 10 & Under girls and boys but possibly B relays as well. This may require a swimmer to attend the meet solely for a relay and I will surely contact any swimmer this may apply to ASAP. On the other hand, as we are attending the Sunkissed Meet the weekend after JO's many of the older swimmers who have qualified should not be looking to swim the entire weekend.

Thanks and keep up the good work,

Bryan Dorsey, Middies Swimming