

RipTYDE INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY REMINDER:

Hello RipTYDE!

Summer in NC means the almost daily chance of pop up thunderstorms...

This is a **reminder to all RipTYDE members and caregivers to be familiar with the TYDE Inclement Weather Policy** (it's posted on the homepage under the About tab). When there is thunder or lightning in the vicinity of a pool, last minute decisions may need to be made and pool closure decisions are outside of our control.

Key to remember: **in the event of unexpected severe weather like a thunderstorm, the decision to open or close a pool is made by each YMCA branch.** All of our RipTYDE practices, indoor and outdoor, will swim in heavy rain but will delay or cancel when thunder or lightning are present in the area.

Per Y policy, in the event that thunder or lightning is heard or seen from the pool deck, the affected pool will be closed for 30 minutes from the last roll of thunder or from the last sighting of lightning. In these situations, **RipTYDE practices of one hour or less may be cancelled depending on forecast and movement of the storm on weather radar.** These decisions are made for the safety of the swimmers as most pools in this area are not grounded and electricity can travel through the ground to pool water.

If it looks like there's a chance of bad weather, drivers of swimmers are advised to stay nearby as swimmers will have to leave the pool deck quickly.

On swim meet days, the same will apply for swim meets and the decision will be made by the pool management at the host team's pool. We will make every attempt to notify everyone as soon as possible and ask that you **update your contact information on the Team Unify account using the instructions below.**

YOUR TEAM UNIFY ACCOUNT:

When you registered your swimmer, you were sent a TeamUnify verification email (from the TYDE office) to confirm your email address and to set up a password to access your TeamUnify account. This is a different account than your YMCA account and is used to track swimmer information, practice attendance and more.

To log in, click the blue Sign In button on the upper left of the TYDE website homepage at swimtyde.org to access the log in screen, then type in the email used for your account. After you're logged in, take a few minutes to watch the TeamUnify video tutorial* to learn how to navigate your account information:

In the left side menu on the homepage, click **My Account > My Tutorials.**

*Please note that our billing is handled through the YMCA system and not through TeamUnify so

references to account billing do not apply to RipTYDE accounts. Also for reference, our website uses the Chameleon platform.

After watching the video, please update the following information:

On your account tab **My Account > My Account**, [add a cell phone number](#) including carrier and verify it so you'll receive last minute emergency messaging such as practice cancellations. You can add more than one in case another parent, grandparent or caregiver needs to get the messages too. This is where you can also add additional emails for another parent or other caregiver to receive TYDE communications about weekly team updates, swim meets, practice scheduling, etc. as needed.