



# Sierra Nevada Swimming

COVID-19 Update Board of Directors Meeting

May 14, 2020

ZOOM Meeting Format

6:02 pm Meeting called to order by Mark Brown. **Quorum present.**

## New Business:

- USA Swimming should be sending out information about meets. There will probably not be any meets in June. Possibly intersquad / dual meets in July. Alex to send USA Swimming message out to the BOD. Also refer clubs to this message.
- Board discussed the Sierra Nevada Swimming (SNS) "Return to Operations" letter created by the SNS "Return to Operations" Task Force with the intent that the letter be sent to Clubs and Club Representatives ahead of the USA Swimming message. **M/S. Approved Unanimously.** (See letter attached)

The SNS "Return to Operations" Task Force is comprised of:

- Darin Mai (Task Force Leader)
  - Brian Clark
  - Adriana Contreras
  - Adric Jope
  - Kathleen Kinsey
  - Koren Motekaitis
  - Melissa Szpik-Serra
- Task Force will meet next week to discuss athletes and their mental well being as they return to the pool.
  - Based on language from USA Swimming, Sierra Nevada Swimming can't prevent athletes from transferring teams as they return to the pool.
  - Discussed the potential for a waiver for return to the pool. Mark requested names of potential lawyers to potentially review this item.
  - Ricky Silva reported that the Task Force will meet again after the USA Swimming message goes out.
  - The Town Hall Meeting set for May 21, 2020 has been postponed to May 28, 2020 or later.

- Updates were given on various pool openings.
- Most summer leagues are not swimming this season.
- Mark will start gathering topics / items for Town Hall discussion.

Next meeting is to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm

*Present: Mark Brown, Dana Covington, Alison Turner, Chris Breitbart, Kainoa Pistorius, Adric Jope, Ricky Silva, Niffey Carmody, Adriana Contreras, Kathleen Kinsey, Bill Rose, Melissa Szpik Serrao, Koren Motekaitis, Brian Clark, Darin Mai, Emma Peters, Athlete, Jack Gillespie, Athlete, Kyle Lehr, Athlete, Alex Ongaco, and Janet Vargas*

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Vargas  
SNS Secretary



Dear Sierra Nevada Clubs:

**5/14/2020**

As we are seeing an re-opening of our economy and society in California and Nevada, our Member Clubs are starting to look toward resuming operations.

We understand the desire and excitement of our Clubs to be back in the water and for our Athletes to be back with their Clubs. The priority of our LSC has been, and always will be, the **safety and well-being of its athletes and families**. With this in mind, to the Member Clubs of Sierra Nevada, if you plan to resume Club activities in the water with your athletes in the very near future, We recommend that you consider to do the following for your Member Club:

1. Communicate with Sierra Nevada LSC to let us know you are planning on resuming and when.
2. Receive written communication from the body governing your pool facility stating that you are allowed to resume operations. For your clubs own protection we recommend you get specific details in this written authorization
3. Develop and distribute your **Club's Plan to Conduct Practice** for everyone's safety and well-being. Keep in mind: Physical Distancing and Best Practices to Minimize Risk of Covid-19 Transmission, in relation to the following:
  - Total Number of Individuals (Coaches, Athletes & Parents) in the Facility per Session (We recommend keeping detailed attendance to help track this.)
  - Total Number of Athletes per Lane and/or Lane Setup

- Locker Rooms & Restrooms
  - Equipment Usage
  - MAAPP (Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy)
4. Your Club's Course of Action if you become aware of an Athlete or Staff Testing COVID Positive or having Close Contact to a known COVID Positive Case we recommend contacting the county health department to obtain direction while maintaining the highest form of privacy.

We are recommending your club do these things for the safety and success of the clubs, coaches, athletes and families in Sierra Nevada Swimming.

1. Please be mindful of using Best Practices during the still present COVID-19 situation.
2. There is great importance in communicating with governmental agencies and being aware of USA Swimming's Facility Re-Opening resources ([LINK](#)).
3. And most importantly, to emphasize the health and well-being of our Athletes and Members.

Thank you for doing your part in bringing back swimming in the safest and most successful way. In order to help you, we have included links that may facilitate your safe re-opening:

[USA Facility Re-opening](#)

[Indiana Swimming's re-opening plans for samples](#)

[Questions for Return to Business document](#)

[SAMPLE - Operational Reserves Budget Predictions](#)

[USA Swimming Return to Operations Coaching Considerations](#)

Sincerely,

SNS Board of Directors