

# SPRINGFIELD SWIM CLUB

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Dear Member Family,

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

As promised, I am providing you with a quick update on our pre-season preparations and where we expect to be heading once we open.

Here are the highlights:

- We have begun to assess our operating plan for the 2021 season. We will be starting the season exactly where we left off last year with one notable exception: there will be NO mid-day closing between 4:00 and 5:00 pm.
- We dealt with a couple of minor growing pains with the online member portal but in all, we have seen a marked improvement in our processes. Start uploading your individual member and family photos to your profile!
- Work Weekends for members will start on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> this year. Members will not be permitted on the grounds this Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- There's much more work to be done but we expect to offer some social events to the membership this season.
- The Board has decided to sunset our Dive Team in 2021.

Here are the details:

## **2021 TEMPORARY OPERATING PLAN**

Although we are revising our Temporary Operating Plan for 2021, we expect the start of the season to look much like last year with one notable exception: we will be eliminating the mid-day closing. We will continue with the additional touch point cleaning each and every hour and rely on our online member management system to manage our occupancy limits and attendance on the busiest of days.

Other high-interest areas of last year's plan – the areas we received the most feedback on – will be remaining the same: we will continue to follow CDC guidelines for masks, require their use by our staff members and while ordering from the snack bar. We will start with the same BYOC (Bring Your Own Chair) system that worked well last season and minimized staff cleaning time. We will lay out a pod system to help establish visual lines of separation for proper distancing.

I intend on revising the operating plan and summary for 2021 as we come through a few more decision points and publish that for your ready reference. For now, you can still find links to last year's plan and supporting documentation on our home page.

## **NEW ONLINE MEMBER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

The implementation of our new member management system has been a success. In the first week, we've processed hundreds of memberships successfully and have received positive feedback from those of you that have been in the system already.

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**Street Address:** 343 North Rolling Road, Springfield, PA 19064

**Text** 'join sscalerts' to 94033 and start receiving real time pool closings and event info

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**Visit** us at: <http://www.springfieldswimclub.com/>

*If you haven't done so already, please take the time to add your family and individual member photos to your account.* That will help make the time needed to pass by the front desk as short as possible. We're allowing families to upload their own photos up to opening day – after that, we'll take care of them for you at the front desk.

## **SPRING WORK WEEKENDS**

We are going to push back the start of our member work weekends to Saturday **April 17<sup>th</sup>** and end them on **May 22<sup>nd</sup>**. This Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, we expect to have a full work crew cleaning and prepping the pools and completing some of the heavier industrial work around the grounds and in the buildings. *In the interest of member safety, we will not be allowing members on the grounds on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.*

Work sessions are for adult members only (no children under the age of 18 are permitted). **\$65.00 of your maintenance fee will be refunded** after you perform four (4) consecutive hours of volunteer work. Additional work sessions are recognized with a family guest pass good for admitting up to 5 guests.

## **BECOMING SOCIAL AGAIN**

We are working to make 'social' a fun word again and *distance* it from all of the pandemic negativity attached to it over the past year (see what I did there?). We will continue to make smart decisions for our members but I'm excited that our Social subcommittee is beginning to look at what social events we can implement, how we can modify others to make them available to the membership, and what fresh ideas we can safely add to the program this year.

We'll likely go one more year without me burning your burgers on Family Fun Day but I am excited about the prospect of other ideas being discussed and the commitment to start opening up in this area smartly.

## **DIVE TEAM SUNSET IN 2021**

The Board has made the difficult decision to sunset the Dive Team this year. After looking across expected diver interest for the 2021 season, the number of parent volunteers needed to run meets, and how practice time competes with pool usage by the membership, we decided to pause our participation in competitive diving this year. That noted, we have already begun to lay the groundwork with the Swim Team Boosters to host safe and successful swim team practices and competitive events at the pool again this year.

Just a little over seven weeks before opening. Thanks for the time you're taking to stay informed.

Best Regards,

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**Jeffrey Merlino**

President, Springfield Swim Club

## HOURS OF OPERATION

**EARLY-SEASON:** Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> through the last day of school for the Springfield School District:

**Monday – Thursday:** 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm; **Friday:** 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
**Saturday:** 10:00 am – 9:00 pm; **Sunday** (except May 31<sup>st</sup>): 11:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
**Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>:** 11:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
**Memorial Day Hours:** 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

**REGULAR SEASON:** First full day of summer for the Springfield School District through Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>:

**Monday – Saturday:** 10:00 am – 9:00 pm; **Sundays:** 11:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
**Labor Day Hours:** 10:00 am – 7:00 pm

Our first regular season day will be Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. As the season approaches and the Springfield School District calendar converges, we will update the membership of any required changes to our transition to Regular Season Hours. We encourage you to join our Facebook Page and sign up for our text alerts.

## IMPORTANT PAYMENT AND DUES CHANGES FOR 2021

Member Dues remain unchanged from last season. There will be a \$15.00 increase in the Maintenance Fee assessed on each family to offset additional expenses being incurred this year. Questions regarding Member Dues can be directed to the Membership Committee at [membership@springfieldswimclub.com](mailto:membership@springfieldswimclub.com) or the Swim Club Business Manager (Mr. Joe Sillo) at [businessmanager@springfieldswimclub.com](mailto:businessmanager@springfieldswimclub.com).

1. Dues must be paid for every child.
2. Caretaker Pass applications can now be obtained by logging onto your online membership account.
3. Only family members who are full-time residents of Springfield qualify as members. For questions or assistance contact the Membership Committee.
4. Dues are based on family information provided for the previous year. Changes or corrections to family information listed on your e-invoice can be made by modifying your account profile online.
5. Dues paid before April 15<sup>th</sup> are eligible for an early payment discount of \$25.00. Dues paid after May 1<sup>st</sup> will be subject to a late charge of \$10 per week. Payment of dues will never be accepted at the pool.
6. Shareholders not completing the withdraw process prior to April 15<sup>th</sup> will be subject to paying ½ of the minimum dues rate. Shareholders completing the withdraw process after May 15<sup>th</sup> will be subject to paying full dues and surcharges. These penalties will be deducted from the share value before refunding. The Club's Bylaws and Share Refund Policy can be found on our website at [www.springfieldswimclub.com](http://www.springfieldswimclub.com).

**You must contact a Membership Committee Member prior to April 15<sup>th</sup> to avoid Termination Penalties**

7. **GOLD** and **SAM** Members should contact the Membership Committee at [membership@springfieldswimclub.com](mailto:membership@springfieldswimclub.com) for assistance with processing your account online.

## IMPORTANT POOL POLICIES

- **All members** regardless of age are required to have a membership card. Proof of residency is required.
- **All dues and fees** must be paid before admittance to the pool will be granted.
- **All members** regardless of age must verify their identity with the gate attendant each time they enter the pool.
- **A teen or adult member** must accompany a child under the age of 12 while at the pool.
- **New members** (anyone joining after Memorial Day of the previous year) must attend an orientation session at 7:00 pm on either Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at the pool. Contact the Membership Committee if unable to attend. Membership cards will not be issued before an orientation session is attended.
- A complete set of rules for the 2021 season can be found [HERE](#).