



## ***WELCOME MENTOR MARLINS SWIMMERS AND PARENTS***

### **2011 MENTOR MARLINS SWIM TEAM COACHES**

Steve Franz	Head Coach
Bob Haag	13 - 15
Oliver Curwen	11 - 12
Kira Haag	9 - 10
Carrie Kaczmarek	8 - Under
Matt Webber	8 - Under

### **2011 VOLUNTEER PARENT BOARD**

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Many of your questions can be answered on our website under the FAQ link at the top of the page. Please visit ***[www.mentormarlins.com](http://www.mentormarlins.com)*** for more info.

## ***Mentor Marlins Team Information***

***Practices:*** Our team practices are held daily Mon-Fri at the Civic Center Pool. The schedule is as follows: 7-8:45am 11-12 and 13-15 age groups. 8:15-9:45am 9-10 and 8 & Under age groups. All swimmers are expected to be punctual for practice. This schedule will continue throughout the entire season unless otherwise specified by coaches.

***Attendance:*** Swimmers are required to attend at least 3 practices a week in order to compete at a dual meet. Swimmers must swim in at least 3 meets in order to compete at Championships.

***Vacation Log:*** If a swimmer will be missing a meet or multiple practices due to a vacation or other commitments, PLEASE fill out the vacation log on the table near the guard house. It will greatly help our coaches when creating line-ups.

***Illness:*** If a swimmer is ill the day of a meet and cannot swim, contact Coach Steve via e-mail at [stv.franz@gmail.com](mailto:stv.franz@gmail.com) IMMEDIATELY! He will adjust the line-up accordingly.

***Communication:*** Most communication will be done electronically. Team info can be found on our website. We will post the weekly newsletter to our site Wednesday with info about the upcoming meet. We will be sending out e-mail as well, so please check for Marlin e-mails periodically during the week.

***Swimsuits:*** We have team suits for sale, but it is not mandatory to have one. It is nice to have everyone look uniform as a team, but it is not required. Our colors are royal blue and black so if swimmers had those colors, that would be great. Girls must have one piece "racer" style suits. Boys can have jammers or trunks. No swimmer is allowed to swim with "skins" (one piece suits that are below the knee) as it is against league rules.

Caps, Goggles & Bungees are available for purchase all season long. See Nicole or Rachel to purchase.

***Spiritwear:*** We have some items to purchase online to show your Marlin Spirit. Check our website for details. More spiritwear will be available for sale at home meets.

***Fundraising:*** We ask all of our swim families to help supports our efforts to raise money through fundraisers. In addition to our annual Car Wash and Pasta Sale, our main "money maker" is our Concession stand. At every Home Meet, each family will be required to donate items to sell during the meet. If you are not able to donate, please contact Nicole Howell.

***Volunteers:*** Over 70 volunteers are required to run a home meet. In addition to home meets, we must supply timers and officials to the teams we visit as well. It is expected that parents of all swimmers volunteer for a minimum of 3 meets. Volunteers are needed for Timing, Scoring, Officials, Concessions and Setup/Cleanup. It is crucial for the success of our team to have enough volunteers to make everything run smoothly. It is unfair to have the same parents always step up to the plate and help out. Fresh new faces are always welcome! Scorers and Officials MUST attend 1 of the scheduled meetings listed on our website. If you were an Official last year, you still MUST attend 1 meeting.

**Problems or Concerns:** If you or your swimmer have any problems or questions, please contact a member of our parent board. We will discuss any issues with you and will try to resolve them quickly.

## **Mentor Marlins Calendar of Events**

May 25th - Officials Clinic - Mt. Carmel Wickliffe 7:00pm  
May 26th - Officials Clinic - Mt. Carmel Wickliffe 7:00pm  
May 28th - Car Wash - 9179 Mentor Ave. 10-2pm  
June 4th - Officials Clinic - Mt. Carmel Wickliffe 10:00am  
June 4th - Scorer's Clinic - Mt. Carmel Wickliffe 11:00am  
June 14th - 1st day of practice – (Note New Day)  
June 16th - Scorer's Clinic 7-8pm - Highland Hts. Comm Ctr.  
June 17th - Last day to register (\$10.00 late fee after June 1st.)  
June 18th - Team time trials @ Civic Ctr.  
July 5<sup>th</sup> - Marlinator  
July 16<sup>th</sup> - Family Fun Night at Civic Ctr. Pool – 8pm – 10pm  
Aug 4<sup>th</sup> - Breakfast Of Champions

## **SSL Swim Meet Dates**

June 25 - Mentor @ SEL 7am  
July 2 - Euclid @ Mentor 7am  
July 9 - Willoughby @ Mentor 7am  
July 16 - Mentor @ Pinegate 7am  
Pinegate swims at Mentor Civic Ctr.  
July 23 - Mentor @ Willowick 7am  
July 30 - Highland Hts. @ Mentor 7am  
Aug 6 - Championships @ Pinegate  
Aug 7 - Championships @ Highland Hts.

## ***SWIM TEAM JARGON***

- Dual Meet:** A swim meet between two teams, usually one heat will be swum for points, per event.
- Invitational:** A swim meet in which several teams compete, usually several heats per event.
- Seeding:** The distribution of swimmers into heats according to their previously best recorded times.
- Heat Sheet:** A printed schedule of events with swimmers listed in seeded heats.
- Long Course:** A 50 yard or 50 meter pool.
- Short Course:** A 25 yard or 25 meter pool.
- Split Time:** Time recorded for each swimmer in a relay or a segment of a long event.
- Exhibition:** A swimmer swims for time improvement, not for points.
- False Start:** A swimmer leaves his mark before the starting signal is given. Two false starts in an event will disqualify the swimmer for that event.
- Medley Relay:** Four swimmers on each team with each swimmer swimming one-fourth of the required distance in the following order: Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly and Freestyle.
- I.M.(Ind. Relay):** One swimmer swims the required distance in four equal distances in the following order: Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Freestyle.
- D.Q.(Disqualify):** When an official calls an illegal execution of a start, stroke, turn or finish. The swimmer's time is not official and he or she scores no points for that event.
- Judge Decision:** In a tie or close race, the order of finish is determined by the finish judge. The judge's determination has precedence over the stopwatch times.
- N.T.(No Time):** A swimmer has no previous time for an event.