



Agenda and notes from Community Meeting
Saturday, August 12, 2023
10:00-noon
Castroville Regional Park Pool Recreation Hall

- I. Purpose of MVSC team
 - A. To bring professional, experienced competitive swim coaching to area families
 - B. To round out the swim progression offered to the community (swim lessons, summer league, high school swimming, and fitness swimming) by creating a competitive USA Swimming club team
 - C. To minimize the travel time between area families and next closest competitive opportunities
- II. Introduction of Team Staff/Personal communication flow/expectations
 - A. USA Swimming Insurance Rule: family members may not be on the training pool deck during a swim team practice. Unless it is a life-or-death emergency, talk to coaches before or after they are training swimmers. Please email, call, or talk to staff between practice times
 - B. Head Coach/Team Owner, nicol schriner
 1. Contact at: email - coachnicol.mvsc@gmail.com; cell phone - 210-665-1807
 2. Reach out to regarding: everything
 3. Background: 30 years of swim coaching, 15 years full time swim coaching, lead coach for the following groups: developmental, age group, high school, college, and masters; academically, philosopher of sport specializing in ethical administration of youth sports programs
 4. Rooted in Castroville, Texas
 - C. Lead Coach for Public School Developmental and Minis, Sandy Lawler
 1. Contact at: email - coach2006skl@hotmail.com
 2. Reach out to regarding: developmental and minis goals and training; compliments
 3. Background: professional basketball coach, mom of four with 9 years of experience leading the Castroville Little Otters summer league swim team; adamant about fundamentals in work ethic and training
 4. Rooted in Devine, Texas
 - D. Team Administrator, Gina Davis
 1. Contact at: email - jgkdavis830@gmail.com
 2. Reach out to regarding: registering on the MVSC Swimtopia website and registering with USA Swimming; compliments
 3. Background: 10 years as a parent navigating summer league and club swimming; recruited to MVSC staff based on her experience, personal understanding of how the sport can positively impact families, compassion to new families learning the ropes, and work ethic.
 4. Rooted in Castroville, Texas
- III. Online communication flow/expectations

- A. Primary source of information will be the team website:
 - www.mvsc.swimtopia.com
 - 1. Provides news updates, practice and holiday schedules, staff contact, registration access, and event information
 - 2. MVSC will use the email address from registered members to notify families of important deadlines (competition sign ups) and important safety information (ex: storms in the area during swim practice)
 - 3. Has a “contact us” page so families with questions can email or call with questions, concerns, and constructive critiques; expect a response within 48 hours
 - B. Secondary source of information will be the team FaceBook page: TBA
 - 1. Will provide news/notices and celebratory moments to general public
 - 2. Has a “contact us” option so families with questions can email a team rep; expect a response within 72 hours
 - 3. Is not a forum to throw punches by belittling or disparaging.
- IV. Team Equipment:
- A. examples of appropriate equipment are posted to MVSC SwimOutlet online store - <https://www.swimoutlet.com/collections/mvsc>
 - B. Link from the MVSC team website: <https://mvsc.swimtopia.com/team-store>
 - 1. Basics: reusable water bottle with swimmer name on it, 2 pairs of goggles (one shaded, one clear), kickboard, long-blade rubber swim fins with heel cup, two tennis balls, one mesh equipment bag, single piece swimsuit, swim cap for anyone whose hair length will cover their eyes
 - 2. Additional equipment may be added depending on group progressions
- V. Practices
- A. 15 minutes before practice swimmers are allowed in the Regional Park Pool facility
 - 1. Swimmers are expected to have their gear on hand and ready to jump in when their practice time begins;
 - 2. The only penalty to late arrivals is that the swimmer is behind the group;
 - B. There is no attendance policy
- VI. Competitions
- A. Monthly competitions will be available to all swimmers
 - B. Families wishing to compete sign up on the MVSC Swimtopia website: https://mvsc.swimtopia.com/swim_meets
 - 1. Once the signup is closed, families are responsible for paying the team for meet entry fees (once the team submits its entries, we write a single check to the meet host)
- VII. Team Code of Conduct
- A. Every member of MVSC is a representative of the team. How we treat each other and others in the community is a reflection of our core values and practices.
 - B. Let’s be a community that shows children how to be respectful, be honest, be constructive, be curious, be direct, and be persistent.