

# **WELCOME STINGRAYS FAMILIES: 2019-2020**

## **WHOM TO CONTACT**

### Family Liaisons

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### Team Apparel – Parkas, Swimsuits, Hats, Hoodies, T-shirts, Swim bags...

- BSN SVS Storefront – Online
  - September Storefront is open Sept 4 – Sept 16.
  - Direct URL: <https://www.bsnteamsports.com/shop/svsfa19>
  - Additional Storefronts will be opened throughout the season.
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### SVS Stickers

- These look great on your car, Hydroflask, laptop...
  - 1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5
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### Swim Caps

- Regular SVS caps – All athletes who swim in meets must wear an SVS cap.  
Price - \$12.
  - Coach Jerry Bozzo, on the pool deck.

## **GETTING YOUR SWIMMER STARTED:**

1. **USA Swimming # Registration:** Any swimmer who wants to swim in a competitive swim meet must have a USA Swimming # issued by Pacific Swimming. The form is on our website and on the pacswim.org website, under forms. Fill out the form. Our team code is 'SVS'. Mail the form and the \$73 check payable to Pacific Swimming, to the address on the form. You can verify registration through Deck Pass (online - <https://www.usaswimming.org/utility/landing-pages/create-a-deck-pass-account> or via the app).  
*(Your swimmer's USA Swimming # is comprised of the following example: 051906MCKAVALÉ – birthdate/first 3 letters of their first name/middle initial/first 4 letters of their last name)*
2. **Swim Meet Platforms:** There are two platforms where teams post their meets – Swim Connection or FastSwims.

a. **Swim Connection:**

**Create your Swim Connection Login:**

- ✓ Go to <http://ome.swimconnection.com/> and click on 'Registration'.

**Fill out the Identification page.**

- ✓ Under 'Convenience' select Show Meets for – **Pacific Swimming** – from the drop-down menu.
- ✓ Choose whether or not you want to be notified when meets post.
- ✓ Click Save.

**Add your swimmer(s):** Once you have an account, you can then add your swimmer(s).

- ✓ Click on 'My Swimmers'
- ✓ Select 'Add Swimmer'.
- ✓ Select "Pacific Swimming" for Swimming Association.
- ✓ Enter your swimmers USA Swimming registration #.
- ✓ Enter and save any additional information required.

**Enter Meets:** Now you can enter your swimmer for meets on Swim Connection.

- ✓ Click on 'Enter Meets' at the top of the page.
- ✓ Select the meet you wish to enter.
  - If you come from the direct meet URL, you will already be on the meet page.
- ✓ Click the orange 'Online Meet Entry' box in the middle of the page.
- ✓ Select your swimmer(s) from the list and click the gray 'Enter' box to the right of their name/age/gender .
- ✓ Select the events for each swimmer, each day.
- ✓ Select the gray 'Save' box at the bottom of page.
- ✓ Confirm your entries then select "Go to Payment Page".
- ✓ Enter your payment information.

a. **FastSwims:**

**Create your FastSwims account:**

- ✓ Click on "Enter Meets" and then select, 'Create Account'.
- ✓ Enter your email and a password.

**Add your swimmer(s):** Once you have an account, you can then add your swimmer(s).

- ✓ Once your account is created and you are logged in, it will take you to the 'My Swimmers' page. Here you will type in your swimmer's name

and select it. Then type in your swimmer's birth date in the adjacent box. (Use the calendar to populate the birth date).

- ✓ Your swimmer will be added to the list.
- ✓ Repeat if you have more than one swimmer.

***Enter Meets:*** Now you can enter your swimmer for meets on Swim Connection.

- ✓ Click on 'Meets' at the top of the page.
- ✓ Select the meet you wish to enter.
- ✓ Click the three lines in the 'Actions' column in the meet you want to enter.
- ✓ Select your swimmer(s) from the pop-up box.
- ✓ Enter the events for each swimmer, each day.
- ✓ Select 'See Summary' box at the bottom of page.
- ✓ Enter your payment information and select 'Confirm and Complete' box at bottom of page.

For additional information, please go to the SVS website and click on the following link <http://www.southvalleystingrays.com/faq.html>. Then select the 'Meet Sign-up Walkthrough' link under the "How do I sign up for a meet?" question.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

***Team Google Group:*** The South Valley Stingrays Google Group is our primary communication vehicle. Please go to Google Groups and search for South Valley Stingrays and request to be a member, if you aren't already. You can add additional email addresses, too. In your request, please make note of who your swimmer is, and their Coach, as this Group is private.

***Team website:*** Our team website <http://www.southvalleystingrays.com> is a great place to get much of the information you need, including: practice times, meet schedule, forms, and FAQ.

***Team Facebook page:*** Our team Facebook page can be found on Facebook under 'South Valley Stingrays'. Please LIKE our page, and ask your family and friends to LIKE our page, as well. We'll keep you posted on upcoming SVS events, meets, activities, and post pictures and videos of our swimmers and team, throughout the season.

***Meet Sheets:*** You'll want to be sure to look at the meet sheet before signing-up for and/or arriving at a meet. Each team hosting a meet will post a meet sheet (and once the meet posts, the links to the meet sheet will also be posted on our team website, in our team

emails and on our website). You can also go to Swim Connection, FastSwims, or Pacific Swimming ([www.pacswim.org](http://www.pacswim.org)), to find a meet sheet. The meet sheet will have the links to sign-up for the meet, will tell you where the meet is, the time it starts, how many events your swimmer can swim, any rules you need to be aware of, check-in times, the events by age, group, and day, and the event schedule. Girls events are odd #'s and boys events are even #'s. You can choose how many events your swimmer will swim, whether or not they will swim both days, etc. You may want to check with your swimmer's coach to ask which events they recommend for them to swim, before you sign-up.

**Time Standards:** Time Standards can be found at <http://www.pacswim.org/swim-meet-times/standards>. What does C/B/A+ mean? What is a JO, AA, AAA cut, etc.

**What to expect at meets:** Plan to have fun, enjoy watching your kids swim/compete, and getting to know our Stingray families. Our families tend to find spots near each other. Bring shade/rain protection (EZUp), food, extra towels, chairs, blankets, games/cards/coloring, warm clothes, a sharpie and sunscreen. Also, this is where volunteer requirements come in. At most meets, our team will be assigned timing lane(s) and/or other areas of responsibility. Families will be expected to fill volunteer shifts at a meet.

### **COACHING STAFF**

- Senior Group Coach – Jerry Bozzo
- Head Age-Group & Gold Group Coach – Ryan Hussey
- Silver Group Coach – Julia Thompson
- Bronze Group Coach – Mark Kleiner & Enrique Munguia