Hudson Area Swim Association

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HASA Families –

During this time of transition for HASA, the Board wants to keep everyone informed about our coaching situation and confirm the upcoming practice schedule for the next 3 weeks.

1. First, there will be a "Thank you and Best Wishes" gathering for Coach Ryan on Tuesday evening at approximately 7pm. Refreshments will be offered so please stop by the cafeteria to take a moment to see Coach Ryan. Ryan's last day with HASA will be Friday, January 27th.
   The HASA Board would like to acknowledge and thank Coach Ryan for his leadership and coaching over the last three years. He has contributed greatly to our club and our swimmers. Please join us in wishing him well - he will be missed.

2. Coach Tom will return as our interim Head Coach on February 6th. Coaches Emily and Becky will be continuing with HASA and we have begun a search for an additional coach and will be formally posting the Head Coach position soon. For the next three weeks we are pleased to have the assistance of former HASA Coaches Cassie Anderson and Kevin O'Brien during some practices and meets. They will be helping with coverage as their schedules allow. We are grateful for their help and both are VERY excited to return to our pool deck.

3. Practice Schedule: The calendar/practice schedule on the HASA website has been updated through February 18th. Please note the following changes:
   - Thursday, January 26th – No practice due to Boys HS meet
   - Friday, February 3rd – No practice
   - Friday, February 10th – No practice due to Boys HS Sectionals Meet
   - The week of January 30th, due to coach coverage needs, Novice and AGT will be practicing Monday and Tuesday that week instead of Tuesday and Wednesday. AG1, AG2, SRT & SR will practice Monday-Thursday that week. Start times for all groups will remain the same.

4. The Order of Events and other details for the C-FINALS meet is now available. Please check the list of events for times; you may want to change your volunteer sessions based on the list. As the host club, it is an expectation that HASA staff all sessions of the meet.

5. If you have not already done so, please sign-up for any remaining meets as soon as possible. If you have a swimmer who may be close to a B-time (which they may achieve at our C-Finals meet), we encourage you to sign up for AB Finals now. Swimmers who are signed up but do not qualify will simply not be entered. We would prefer to have this scenario than last minute or late entries.

Other items of note:

- HASA Team photos will be held Tuesday, February 14th. Individual photos will begin at 5:30pm and the Team Photo will be taken at approximately 6pm. Once the team photo is taken anyone still needing individual photos will be completed at that time. Please bring your HASA team suit (if you have one), swim cap and goggles. Order forms will be available soon.
- Beginning February 21st, Community Education will begin Spring swim lessons. On Tuesdays and Thursdays HASA's will have the pool from 4-6:30pm through the end of May. At this time we believe that Novice and AGT swimmers will be affected on Tuesdays only and that practice for these groups would be held from 5:30-6:30pm. A finalized schedule will be available when Coach Tom returns, but we wanted to give families time to prepare.
  We know this is not ideal, but HASA is able to offer exclusive, practice times M-F. There will not be an "open swim" evening option for HASA to share with Community Education during their Spring Session.
- Many of you have mentioned you know someone who might be interested in Coaching for HASA. Please encourage them to check the HASA website for posting details soon. There are specific criteria that have to be met per MSI and USA Swimming guidelines.

Some of you have contacted Board Members regarding clarification about meets, coaching statuses and ways you can help. We encourage you to continue to do so and appreciate your patience during this time of transition.

The remainder of the Winter Session will be a busy and exciting time for HASA. We hope that you will continue to support the progress we are making and save your biggest cheers for HASA's swimmers as they prepare to reach new personal goals.

Respectfully,

Katie Claus
HASA Board President