

Parent Participation Requirements

Introduction

The Skyline swim team participates in many swim meets throughout the summer, and it takes a lot of people to run these meets. When we host, for example, we need 26 volunteers for timing, 8 for heating & herding, 2 runners, 7 for concessions, etc. We're also required to provide timers for A League, B League, and State. In total, we expect to need help with over 140 shifts this summer just to run the swim meets alone. Hiring people to staff these positions is cost-prohibitive, so we rely on families to help us run the meets.

Our Skyline families are wonderful volunteers. They graciously step-in to help wherever needed, are conscientious and reliable, and work hard to make swim meets and social events successful for all of our swimmers. We are grateful for their generosity and commitment to our community.

Timing is our most essential volunteer shift. If you are new to the swim team and/or find timing a bit intimidating, we want to reassure you that timing is easy, we will train you, and you will have fun! It's a great way to meet other parents, and the view from behind the blocks is the best in the house! We ask that parents consider making timing shifts a priority when signing up to volunteer.

Requirements

By registering your child for the swim team, you are agreeing to the following Parent Participation Requirements:

Each family is required to offer a parent to work a **minimum of 3** shifts at swim meets and/or team social events as follows:

Timing: Our greatest need is for timers. Skyline typically hosts two dual meets. We are required to provide timers for A League and State as well. In total, we need to fill over 100 timing shifts each summer. If not all timing shifts are filled before a meet, you may be asked to fill a timing shift before other, not-as-essential, shifts.

Hospitality/Concessions: We have relatively few hospitality shifts available. But if you like feeding candy to babies, this job is for you. If you have Square experience and knowledge, that is helpful.

Other Volunteer Opportunities at Skyline (e.g., Clean Up Day, Hot Dog Lunch, etc.): Due to the number of people we need to run the swim meets, we are not able to offer credit for volunteering at non-swim team events. Only jobs that appear on the Parent Participation Sign-Up Genius will count toward the requirement of three shifts, unless you have prior approval.

B League, A League, and State: The number of timers needed for A, B, and State depend on the number of swimmers competing in those meets. Those numbers are unknown until all clubs have submitted their meet entries a few days before the meet. For this reason, the number of timers we are required to provide for each of these meets can, and often does, change:

- If we need more timers, we'll post those shifts to the Sign-Up Genius and ask for volunteers. If we don't get enough volunteers, we'll randomly assign families attending the meet to timing shifts. Families who work additional timing shifts above and beyond the three required (for Invitationals, A League or State) will receive 2 free guest passes for Skyline and our sincere gratitude.
- If we need fewer timers, we'll cancel shifts and work with families to re-assign them to other open shifts. Families will not receive credit for shifts that are canceled if they refuse to take another open shift.

Changes to the Sign-Up Genius: Changes to the Parent Participation Sign-up Genius will not be permitted within 5 days of an event. Within that window, if you've signed-up for a shift, and are unable to complete that shift, please find another parent to take your place and email us at aquatics@skylineacres.org within 48 hours of the event to let us know who will be replacing you.

Failure to show up for any shift or find a replacement, whether assigned by us or selected by you, **will result in a \$100 charge** added to your CASA account.

Opting Out: Families may opt-out of the Parent Participation Requirements by paying a **\$400 fee before May 8th in CASA**. Failure to opt-out by May 8th and complete a minimum of 3 shifts by the end of the season will result in a **\$400 charge added to your CASA account**.

No exceptions: The Parent Participation Requirements apply to every swim team family, regardless of whether your child swims in meets, your family is on the waitlist, you travel or work full-time, etc.

If you believe you have a compelling case for an exception, please email us at aquatics@skylineacres.org. Exceptions will be granted by consensus of the Aquatics Committee only. No other individual or entity may assign, give credit, or grant exceptions to the Parent Participation Requirements.