



2022-2023 NWAA PARENT HANDBOOK APPENDIX C TEAM SERVICE REQUIREMENTS



Northwest Arkansas Aquatics (NWAA) is a non-profit 501c3 organization. Hosting local and regional swimming competitions is a big part of our program and team service is crucial to ensure our meets and Club run smoothly. NWAA relies heavily upon parent volunteers for swim meet execution and performance of many of the organizational and administrative tasks that are necessary to run the Club and provide your child with a great swimming experience.

Many of the top swim clubs have instituted a team service program to meet several objectives:

1. **Benefit Swimmers** – Competition allows swimmers to have opportunities to race and test the skills they have worked so hard to achieve. Hosting home meets provides this opportunity without the needed time and expense of travel.
2. **Fundraising** – Swim meet revenue is a key source of funding for our Club and allows us to keep our monthly dues affordable, while providing the staff, facilities, training and equipment needed.
3. **Family Involvement** – It takes around 300 volunteers to host a successful weekend meet.
4. **Promote Swimming** – Swimming is unique in that it relies almost entirely on volunteers and, by being a volunteer, you are supporting the team, the sport and your child's experience.

FRIDAY NIGHT SWIM MEETS

HAMMERHEAD GROUP PARENTS

- NWAA hosts 4 – 5 one-session swim meets during the short course season.
- Parents of swimmers in the Hammerhead group participating in these meets are required to serve. You may select your service slot when you register for the meet.
- Team service credit can be earned by any family member, relative, or other reliable representative (e.g. neighbor, grandparent, friend, etc.), who is approved by the VolunteerCoordinator.

JANUARY: WINTER INVITE (3 days, Prelim/Final)

GREAT WHITE, TIGER SHARK, MAKOS, SENIOR I AND SENIOR II PARENTS

- If your swimmer is participating in the January Invite, your family is required to work a minimum of two sessions.
- If your swimmer is NOT participating, your family is required to work a minimum of one session.
- Team service credit can be earned by any family member, relative, or other reliable representative (e.g. neighbor, grandparent, friend, etc.), who is approved by the VolunteerCoordinator.

JUNE: MEMORIAL CLASSIC (3 days, Prelim/Final)

GREAT WHITE, TIGER SHARK, MAKOS, SENIOR I AND SENIOR II PARENTS

- All families are required to work a minimum of two sessions.
- Team service credit can be earned by any family member, relative, or other reliable representative (e.g. neighbor, grandparent, friend, etc.), who is approved by the Volunteer Coordinator.

JULY JAMS AND/OR ARSI LONG COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

GREAT WHITE, TIGER SHARK, MAKOS, SENIOR I AND SENIOR II PARENTS

- TBD

FAILURE TO FULFILL THE TEAM SERVICE REQUIREMENT

Failure to fulfill the team service commitment will result in a \$100 fine for each session missed charged to that family’s invoice after the event has been completed. This penalty is not intended as a fundraiser. Rather, it is designed to motivate parents to assist in the crucially needed volunteer positions. Best case scenario: all families work and no fines are issued. Families receiving a scholarship will forfeit it if they fail to fulfill the team service commitment.

SELECTING SERVICE SLOTS

15-30 days prior to each event, the Volunteer Coordinator will post a volunteer sign-up on the meet page on the NWAA website and provide sign-up information through the Weekly Update. Prior to each event, NWAA families should utilize the sign-up on the team website to select the service positions and times that are needed. Each NWAA family should make a point to sign in with the Volunteer Coordinator, Megan Peters, at each event. This ensures you receive credit for the sessions worked.

SCHEDULE CONFLICTS OR SPECIAL NEEDS

- Prior arrangements must be made with the Volunteer Coordinator in advance of the event. This advance notification allows for pre-event tasks (as available) to be assigned and/or discussed with the NWAA board. If a pre-event task is not available, then you will be charged 40% of the above-mentioned fine.
- If you have travel plans for one of the above-mentioned weekends or special needs, contact the Volunteer Coordinator at least 45 days in advance of the event so that volunteer positions can be reserved to accommodate those plans or needs.

I have read and agree to the terms of the Team Service Requirement.

Signature of Person Responsible for Account: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____