

# SARPY COUNTY SWIM CLUB

## Volunteer Guidelines

### Introduction

Throughout the year there will be several opportunities to volunteer time to support your swimmers and the club. A few highlights:

- There may be a club imposed minimum requirement of hours per year, per swimmer.
- These can be met by any household member typically 18+.
  - Meet timers can be 13 and older.
  - Fireworks cashiers can be 16 and older.
- Each month, Coach Nick will randomly select an active volunteer to receive a \$25.00 credit towards their practice dues.
- Home meet safety marshals will receive a \$25.00 credit to their account, for each meet session that is completed. There is a short, online training course required for this position.

### Required Volunteer Hours

Parent volunteers are a must for Midwestern Swimming to be successful and a great experience for your swimmers. Without enough volunteers, a meet cannot commence or be successful.

#### ***Home Meets***

At all home meets, where you have a swimmer participating, families are required to cover at least one time slot per swimmer. Longer meets may require two shifts per family.

- Swimmers whose families who do not fulfill their home meet volunteer obligations will not be allowed to participate in the meet.
  - Examples: Timers, runners, safety marshals, place judge, concessions stand and many other roles.
  - To help keep team costs low, families may be asked to donate bottles of water or cans of soda.
  - Other clubs who host meets may request volunteers for timers. Fulfilling that meet's requests are not a requirement from SCSC, however that meet may not be able to start.

#### ***Midwestern Swimming Meets (Championship Challenge & Championship Meet)***

At any of the Midwestern Swim sponsored meets each club is required to provide timers. As soon as our team is notified of our timing slot requirement, we will create a job signup on the team website in addition to sending out an email to all families with swimmers participating. All participating families will be able to voluntarily signup for a Timer shift (shift time may vary by session/meet), and unfilled slots remaining on the Wednesday at 10:00am, unless otherwise noted, will be filled through a lottery process. All families who have not signed up to time will be entered into a drawing and randomly drawn to cover the remaining shifts. Families selected for these shifts will be required to time for their duration of the session. Failure to appear for your Timer slot, will result in a \$100.00 non-volunteer fine applied to your team account. It is crucial for parents to volunteer and show up for timing slots, so that the coaches can focus on the meet and swimmers, rather than them trying to find a parent or time themselves.

### ***Firework Stand Fundraiser***

Each year we sponsor a fireworks tent, and this is a significant fundraiser for us. Each family will be required to cover time slots during these 10 days of sales. The SCSC Executive Board will determine the number of shifts per family. Depending on need, this typically will be one to two slots. If a family is unable to fill their time slot(s) a buyout option is available.

### **Optional Volunteer Hours**

#### ***Become a USA Swimming certified meet official!***

Having certified officials allows our club to run quality meets for our swimmers.

- Each MWS club is encouraged to provide officials to facilitate meets.
  - Stoke & turn judges, starters, referees & admin officials
- What are some of the benefits of being a stroke & turn judge?
  1. You are helping support a great sport for your children.
  2. You are closer to the action.
  3. It is frequently much cooler on deck than in the stands.
  4. You get free meals and refreshments.
  5. Gain a fuller understanding of swimming and sports in general.
  6. SCSC will cover your non-athlete and background check fees!
- Please contact SCSC Team Administrator Janet Cho for more and information and to get started! Email: [janet@sarpycountyswimclub.com](mailto:janet@sarpycountyswimclub.com)

#### ***SCSC Executive Board***

A great way to make a difference and ensure our club remains successful and competitive is to become a Board Member. These five volunteer positions, President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Member at Large, are two-year terms and each year approximately one-half of Executive Board positions are appointed in August. Bylaws and meeting minutes are available on the SCSC website once logged into your account.

### **Summary**

This is an overview of our volunteer opportunities and is not to be an all-inclusive list as no guidance can anticipate all volunteer needs of the club. Throughout the year there may be other volunteer opportunities for parents to get involved, such as helping out with swimmer nights (social events at practice) or the end of season dinners. These events will be communicated to families as they occur.