

Tennessee Aquatics Family Participation Requirements 2023/2024

Swim Meet Obligations

- Tennessee Aquatics hosts several meets every year. Putting on a well-run competitive swimming meet is an **enormous** undertaking. We are proud to have a reputation of running some of the best meets in the country, and this is something we take great pride in as an entire team. When done well, we believe the local community and the sport of swimming benefit tremendously, our athletes especially. Meets are also immensely important to the financial health of the team. In fact, the money we raise through the running of meets is essential to our business model as we strive to balance affordable dues with the costs necessary to provide world class coaching and the best training environment in town. One of the other great benefits to hosting meets is that our swimmers get to stay in their own homes and in their home pool. This is a team effort with tremendous team benefits.
- Each family will be required to work a certain number of sessions for each TNAQ hosted meet, whether your child is entered to race in the meet **or not**. By registering for the team, you are agreeing to be responsible for shifts at TNAQ hosted meets from **September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024**. This responsibility is **not** waived when families take vacation or based on prior obligations. We take into consideration that the championship meets Tennessee Aquatics hosts may not always involve participation from all groups on the team and try to reduce required shifts accordingly. These meets are a great privilege and opportunity for our team and community to host and give the younger swimmer early exposure to high level swim meets. These meets also have a financial benefit and keep our dues lower.
- Below is an **anticipated meet schedule** with maximum required shifts. We will continue to make every effort to reduce the volunteering burden of our membership, while continuing to run safe, competitive, and fun competitions. Thank you for your time and efforts toward this mission.

	Age Group 3	Age Group 2	Age Group 1	Senior 2	Senior 1
September 15-16 - Intrasquad	1	1	1	1	1
October 20-22 - Invitational	2	2	2	3	3
November 10-12 – Invitational	2	2	3	3	3
January 5-7 - Invitational	2	2	2	3	3
January 11-14 - TYR PSS	1	1	1	1	1
April 2024 - Intrasquad	1	1	1	1	1
June 2024 - Invitational	1	2	3	3	4
July 2024 - Invitational	1	2	3	3	4

- Volunteer sign-ups will be available approximately 15 days prior to the upcoming hosted meet via the Team Unify platform. The earlier you sign up, the greater the variety of jobs available.
- At each meet, there will be a volunteer registration table for you to “sign in” when you arrive at the pool. This table will be in the lobby of the Allan Jones Aquatic Center. Sign in is required to obtain credit for your shift. It is your responsibility to make sure that you have signed in properly.
- If you are not able to work at the meets your children are swimming, it is **your** responsibility to find someone to work for you, or you will be fined. For each session that you fail to work, your account will be charged \$50.00 and must be paid before your child will be entered into another meet; whether hosted by Tennessee Aquatics or away. For sessions that you sign up for and do not show or arrange for someone to fill your spot, you will be billed \$100.00. That said, we don’t want your money, we need your help! Tennessee Aquatics cannot run successful meets without 100% parent participation and we really do appreciate all that you do.
- You may not accrue extra shifts in a single meet to replace shifts for a future meet. However, you have one meet to make up shifts that have been fined and billed.
- Meet workers must be at least in the 9th grade and 15 years or older to volunteer independently. A volunteer in middle school, age 12 and up, can fill certain roles, such as scribe, with an adult present. Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator for details. Once again, these are “family” work requirements. Mom/dad, grandparents, aunts/uncles, nieces/nephews that meet the age requirements can also work for you.
- Each family will be charged \$25 per home meet for the meet hospitality room.