

# Parent Participation Requirements

## Summer 2022

### 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.

The majority of 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.

Each year, however, we have difficulty fully staffing the timing shifts. To rectify this, we've revised the Parent Participation Requirements to focus participation on the jobs we need the most – timing.

Swimmers are some of the hardest working athletes around. They spend hours each week preparing for races that are over in a matter of seconds. What better way to honor their aspirations and hard work than volunteering to make sure they receive accurate times?

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 also understand the desire to be with your families during the meets. As parents, we want that too. But without timers, we couldn't have meets. Without the willingness of other parents to time, your swimmer wouldn't have the opportunity to compete. There would be no excitement about achieving a best time, no rankings, no ribbons, no A League or State. So, we hope you'll join us this summer in giving back and volunteering to time, and we hope you'll find the experience rewarding.

We're looking forward to another great summer at Skyline!

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## 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:

- At least 1 shift must be for timing.
- Only 1 shift may be for hospitality (concessions, social events).
- **If your children compete in B League, A League or State**, you may be required to help staff those meets as well, for a **total of 4 shifts**.

**Timing:** Our greatest need is for timers. Skyline will be hosting two dual meets and B League this year, and we are required to provide timers for A League and State as well. In total, we need to fill over 100 timing shifts this summer. With only ~60-65 families available to fill these shifts, we must ask each family to complete at least 1 timing shift. If you fail to sign-up for a timing shift, you will be removed from one of your other shifts and assigned to an open timing shift.

**Hospitality:** We have relatively few hospitality shifts available (~35), and these tend to be quite popular. In the interest of equity, each family may only sign-up for 1 hospitality shift.

**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 this year. Only jobs that appear on the Parent Participation Sign-Up Genius will count toward the requirement of 3 – 4 shifts.

**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 at A, B, or State will receive 2 free guest passes for Skyline for each shift over 3 that they work (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 cancelled 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](mailto: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**, whether assigned by us or selected by you, **will result in a \$100 charge** added to your CASA account.

**Failure to complete at least one timing shift** by the end of the season **will result in a \$175 charge** added to your CASA account.

The fees described above are not mutually exclusive.

**Opting Out:** Families may opt-out of the Parent Participation Requirements by paying a **\$350 fee before May 8<sup>th</sup> in CASA**. Failure to opt-out by May 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.