

# PARENT PARTICIPATION

It takes a village... and YOU are the village! The success of the Sharks swim team is largely due to the dedication and commitment of all our parent volunteers. Did you know that summer swim meets and events are 100% run by volunteers? Or that it takes more than 40 people to smoothly run a single swim meet? There are officials, timers, ribbon writers, scorers and a host of other volunteer positions. ALL families are needed to help out at meets.

## Requirements

Each Sharks family is required to sign up for a set number of volunteer positions throughout the season. The required number of volunteer positions changes from year to year, depending on registration.

## Sign-Up

The volunteer sign-up will be open for a short window in late May or early June. Please keep in mind that sign-up is first come, first served. If you have not chosen your required positions by the deadline, jobs will be assigned to you.

## Leadership

Leadership positions are also important! If you are asked to step up into a position to coordinate some aspect of the team, or to be part of the swim team committee, know that it is because you are truly needed and please consider saying YES! This is a great way to get to know other parents on the team, and a great way to show your support, particularly if you have multiple swimmers in your family.

## Changes

We understand that complications arise, so if you need to make any changes, email the Volunteer Coordinator as soon as possible. The Volunteer Coordinator will work with you to find a replacement, as well as to find another volunteer position replacing the one you missed.

## No-Shows

If you choose not to show up or find a replacement, there will be consequences that the swim team committee will evaluate on a case-by-case basis, which may result in your swimmer being ineligible to swim the next meet. The swimmers and the team are all counting on you!

## Meet Attire

Why are all the adults dressed in blue and white? This makes it easier to distinguish the officials and volunteers from the spectators. NVSL rules require white tops and navy blue bottoms (no denim) to be worn by all deck officials and parent volunteers during meets.