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**RYD Swim Team
Parent Commitment Policy**

A long standing tradition at Ridgewood YMCA has been to provide support to the swim team. Parents of the swimmers have always provided the necessary leadership to accomplish the goals and tasks at hand. One of these tasks this season is a signed declaration by all RYD parents concerning volunteering and financial responsibility. Our organization is founded on the principles of respect, honesty, responsibility, and caring.

Participation in swim team requires 2 components. Equally important to your child's swimming is YOUR INVOLVEMENT in our organization. The swim team cannot run without a lot of parent participation. It is not fair that the same group of parent have to always volunteer. Being a parent presents the responsibility to be a financial provider and a volunteer worker. There are several options for volunteering this season:

- 1. Become a certified YMCA swimming official. Please contact the head coach if you are interested in becoming an official.**
- 2. Work in several areas at each home meet: timer, runner, concessions, 50/50 raffle, event board & Y clean-up after the home meets.**
- 3. Work as a volunteer at any team event: swim team fundraisers, Christmas party, end of the year banquet, home meets, Divisions, Leagues, Zones, Nationals, YMCA Invitationals or USA championship meets.**

For a swimmer considered High School, the minimum requirement is 2 meets or 2 events by one or both parents.

For all other swimmers, the minimum requirement is 3 meets or 3 events by one or both parents.

If a family does not meet all of their volunteer requirements by the end of the season there will be a \$50.00 fee. Volunteer credits will be kept track of throughout the season. If you have volunteered you must make sure you check in with the volunteer coordinator.

Financial responsibility is the next topic. The swimmers rely on you, as parents, to pay their bills. The consequences of NON-PAYMENT of fees have an impact on the entire organization, including your child.

NON-PAYMENT of any and all required fees results in your child not swimming.

Please turn in ALL paperwork prior to your child's first swim team practice. This includes Emergency Form, Team Policies Form, and Background Check Form. Please be sure that your email is given correctly at the time of registration to be granted access to the team website.

This contract states that you agree to be prompt in payment of swimming fees, membership, and meet fees. Additionally, you agree to participate as a volunteer and turn in the emergency form, team policies form, and volunteer background check forms prior to your child's first practice.

Past-due fees will result in your child being excluded from practice.

Please be aware that signing the team policies form indicates your understanding of the Parent Commitment Policy and that you are aware there will be a \$50.00 fine for not completing ALL your volunteer requirements for the season.