

Family Volunteerism

Volunteerism is crucial in keeping any athletic organization running smoothly. NWAA hosts four major events each year: (1) The NWAA Winter Invitational swim meet held in January (2) The Colgate Memorial Classic swim meet held in May (Memorial Day weekend) (3) the Jr. Shark Triathlon (for ages 5-15) held in June and (4) the Shark Sprint Triathlon (for age 10 and over) held in August. Each event has upwards 300 volunteer positions that must be filled. One person from every NWAA family is required to work two complete sessions at each of the swim meets and 4 hours at each of the triathlons (see Fundraising for more details). Working as an active board member also meets volunteerism requirements. **Failure to do so will result in a \$100.00 charge to that family's invoice after each event has been completed.** Prior to each event, the Event Director will post a volunteer sign-up sheet and provide sign-up information on the team web site. www.northwestarkansasaquatics.org To ensure each family receives credit for their participation, a volunteer check-in area will be provided at each event. **It is the volunteer's responsibility to sign in and out at each event or complete a NWAA volunteer form and return it to the volunteer coordinator whichever is applicable.**

If for any reason a NWAA family is unable to attend a scheduled event, prior arrangements must be made to make up the dedicated volunteer time at another event or the \$100.00 charge will be enforced. If rescheduled volunteer time is not made up on the agreed upon event, the \$100 charge will take place immediately.

Fundraising

Over the years, NWAA has been fortunate to have generous sponsors; however, due to the current state of the US economy, sponsorship has been less dependable. The NWAA board and coaching staff understand the financial burdens of our swim families; therefore, for the 2008-2009 fiscal year fund raising events have been replaced with team execution of the NWAA Shark Sprint Triathlon Series (Youth and Adult events held on separate days). A \$25 per swimmer fundraising due will be assessed on each family's January invoice. This will cover the swimmer's entry (not including \$5 required USAT registration) into the 2009 Jr. Shark Triathlon or a \$25 credit will be applied toward the Adult Shark Sprint Triathlon should the swimmer choose to enter that event. The \$25 fundraising due is required, participation in the triathlon is encouraged but optional. The triathlon credit may not be transferred from the swimmer to another individual.

Each family is also required to commit one person to a total of 4 hours at the Jr. Shark Triathlon and 4 hours at the Shark Sprint Triathlon to an approved pre-event job assignment or to the event itself. Families failing to meet this requirement will have a \$100 charge added to their invoice following the event (as stated under family volunteerism). If at the end of the fiscal year, the change in policy is found to place an undue financial burden on the club, an adjustment to monthly dues may be needed to offset the previous fundraising monies lost.

I have read the sections on "Family Volunteerism" and "Fundraising" that are taken from the NWAA Team Handbook, revised August 2008.

Name (signature)

Date

Family Name