

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

General

When you register your swimmer with NYAC, you are making a commitment of not only your finances, but also your time. There are many roles for parents to play in addition to swim meet commitments. These roles include: Pool Rep, club video, photos, yearbook, social events, banquet, fundraising, swim-a-thon, cookie dough, Loblaws, meet food, meet management, website, meet office, golf tournament. Talk to your coach or pool rep for more information. The role of the Pool Rep is critical and is described in more detail below.

NYAC Pool Reps

Pool reps are parent representatives who perform an essential communication role within the club. They play a positive and supportive role model for parents.

Role of a Pool Rep:

- Pool reps can be approached with general questions about your particular group. However, if you have a specific concern about your child, you should contact your child's coach directly.
- Pool reps and/or coaches distribute important information to the parent or the swimmer. This may be information about the club such as upcoming meets, social events, changes to schedules when necessary, and updates from each group's coach.
- It is the pool rep's responsibility to help members with the volunteer commitment sessions for the families in their group. Each family is responsible for working sessions at NYAC hosted meets over the course of the year and taking 1 new course each year until they have their level 3. The pool reps will ensure that parents are aware of where and when to sign up for each session at our hosted meets.
- Another important role that the pool reps serve is to help direct parents with questions and concerns to the appropriate people in the club.
- A welcome and information meeting will be held for all pool reps at the beginning of the swim season. It is critical that pool reps have immediate access to a computer and/or a hand held device to ensure effective and timely communication to our parents and swimmers.

Note: Becoming a pool rep provides a window of opportunity to get involved in the club. It is a wonderful way to learn about competitive swimming and our club. It provides an opportunity to interact with the coaching staff, Board of Directors and families of NYAC. It is important to always remember that we are all volunteers supporting our swimmers, be patient and appreciative.