

Parental Commitment:

The Perth Stingrays organization is very dependent on parental commitment. In order to keep registration fees as low as possible, we rely on the willingness of parents to volunteer time and effort throughout the year. There are two main areas where we require volunteers; Officiating and Fundraising.

Officiating involves learning the official positions on the deck and taking some quick on-line courses to understand the position and then some practice at a swim meet. As a new member to the club, the club Officials Chair will contact you and explain the details of officiating. The Stingrays biggest swim meet is the Mike Brown Meet where we host over 200 swimmers over the course of 3 days in early January. As a parent of a Stingray member, you will be required to either officiate or assist with the Hospitality crew even if your child is not participating in the meet.

Fundraising will occur throughout the season in various forms. Some examples would be participating in ordering citrus fruit in the fall, ordering Mabel's Labels under the Stingrays group, or participating in a bottle drive. Again, the fundraising activities are essential to the operation of the club and keeping our fees low. These activities will be managed by a Fundraising Sub-Committee to which you are welcome to join.

There will be a separate committee that will work on fundraising to assist our elite athletes with expenses when they reach high level competition.

Swim Meets

Throughout the season there will be many opportunities for your swimmer to participate in swim meets. Swimmers registered as "non-competitive" can participate in one swim meet per season. If they wish to participate in more than one, then their registration must be upgraded to "competitive". Swim meets are not mandatory, however we encourage swimmers of all levels and abilities to attend and be part of the team. It is a great opportunity for the swimmers to work together as a team and it allows the younger swimmers to learn from the more experienced swimmers.

Home Meets – The term "Home Meet" is used for a swim meet where the parents are responsible for organizing their own transportation or accommodation for their swimmer(s). Generally Home Meets are held within a 2 hr driving radius of Perth. Registration forms will be sent home with your swimmer detailing the location, timing and cost for the meet. This cost includes the registration that we pay the host team and expenses for the coach(es).

Away Meets – The term "Away Meet" is used for a swim meet where the transportation and accommodation is organized by the club. These meets are generally overnight meets and involve swimmers aged 13 and older. The Stingrays do not provide chaperones. All swimmers must have a chaperone named by their parents if neither parent is attending the meet in question. Responsibility for the children during the swimming sessions falls to the coach but responsibility outside the session times falls to the named chaperone. Expectation is that the coach and chaperone function as one, and that either has the right to send the child home if there is a major issue. For an "Away Meet" the cost includes accommodations, transportation, meet registration, and expenses for the coach(es). Following the meet, the coach or Treasurer will reconcile the costs with the participating families.

High Level Competitions or Training Camps – These are competitions (or training camps) where a swimmer qualifies for a provincial or national competition (or training camps), but the Stingrays as a team are not attending. All costs for a swimmer at these meets or training camps are the responsibility of the parents. If a coach is requested by the swimmer/parents, then all coach expenses are the responsibility of the parents. If more than one swimmer is attending the total cost would be shared by the number of swimmers attending