

## **The Role of Parents in Buehler Blue Marlins Swimming**

In many respects, the Buehler Blue Marlins Swim Team is a family program. The swimmers and coaches put countless hours in at practices and meets. But the success of this swim program also depends heavily on the participation of parents- not just to drop their children off for practice- but to take an active role in the business of the team.

There are more than 100 families who are members of the Blue Marlins, and a good number of those families actively help the team by working meets and organizing events and social activities for the swimmers. However, not all of our families have that team spirit.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind families of their obligations as members of the Blue Marlins and to encourage each and every family to join with us to make this season a fun and productive one.

As parent(s) of a Blue Marlin swimmer(s) we are expected to:

1. Read and agree to the policies and procedures set forth in any and all handouts and the parent handbook.
2. Work, in some capacity, all Y dual meets that my swimmer swims at the Buehler YMCA.
3. Work all invitational meets, including championship meets, which are hosted by the Blue Marlins (even if my child is not swimming in that meet)
4. Provide assistance, when asked, at all Y away meets, including invitational meets and championship meets, which my swimmer participates in. When we get our USA status, understand that if we are unable to provide enough timers and/or officials to help run the meet, the team may be penalized.
5. Have my swimmer stay for the whole dual meet, even though he or she may only be swimming the first couple of events.
6. Be aware of upcoming events, activities, and scheduling changes, by coming into the Y reading the team bulletin board, reading e-mails, and checking the team web site.
7. Contact coaches with questions. Coach Darby can be reached at 847-410-5234. Coach Darby's email address is [dbrtva@ymcachicago.org](mailto:dbrtva@ymcachicago.org). The Blue Marlins website is [www.bluemarlinswimming.org](http://www.bluemarlinswimming.org). **PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE FRONT DESK FOR TEAM INFORMATION.**
8. Bring my swimmer to practice, understanding that those swimmers who miss a lot of practices, do not progress in the same way as those swimmers who regularly attend practices.



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