**Service Commitment**

As a team, we are committed to providing local opportunities for our athletes to compete.  We do this by hosting several in town meets.  These meets provide financial support for our team, minimize travel costs for our families, and give our athletes the comfort and advantage of competing in a familiar pool.  As parent volunteers, we partner together to fully run these in town meets.  ***To do this we need your help!***

Serving is a fun way to build our team and together we can maintain our reputation of hosting some of the best meets in downstate Illinois!

**What are the service requirements?**

We host several meets during the year. Some are dual meets run on a weekend morning or afternoon (YMCA meets); while others are large invitational meets (Erin Block, Mid-Winter and Illinois Open) that are Friday evening through Sunday evening.

* **Dual Meets:**  For YMCA meets (duals), all families that attend are expected to have at least one worker if your swimmer is participating in that meet. This also includes championship meets (District and Area).
* **Hosted Meets:**  This would be Erin Block (November), Mid-Winter (January), or the Illinois Open(July).  If you have a swimmer who participates in any of these meets, regardless of how many sessions he/she swims in that meet, you are required to serve 3 sessions during the course of that meet.  One of the sessions can be a food donation.  If you do not serve, you will be charged **$50** **per session** of service that was not completed.
  + **Out of Town Meets:**If your swimmer is swimming at an out of town meet, often the host team will ask each team to provide timers.  The amount our team needs to provide will be posted in the meet overview in the days leading up to the meet.  It is our job as parents to jump in and help take turns serving for our team at these meets.  This is especially true during our championship season.

**How do I sign up to serve?**

Our volunteer coordinators will email you before each meet with a link to go online and sign up.

**What areas can I serve in?**

For every meet, we need help with meet set-up/tear down, timers, runners, concessions, runners, and more.  There are plenty of places to help and none require previous experience.  If you have questions or need suggestions, just ask the Volunteer Coordinator. If you know that you will not be able to help at a particular meet, please let the Volunteer Coordinator know as soon as possible (preferably 2-4 weeks before the meet) or you will be charged for those missed sessions. *There are always 16 pre or post meet duties that need attention. You can help with these needs before you leave or when you get back.*

**What if I don’t serve?**

Families that do not meet the volunteer commitment and do not make other arrangements will be billed **$50 per missed session.** Please understand that we really do not want your money. We much prefer your assistance!

**I have read and understand the HEAT service commitment:**

**Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**