

New Trier Swim Club Volunteer Policy

Thank you for joining our team family! Like any family it takes more than just showing up to make a great place for our athletes to train, compete and succeed. Regardless of what brought you to New Trier Swim Club, you're probably excited to be part of something bigger! While we'd like to believe that coaches are invincible – we can't do everything and we rely on our parents to be a part of our corps of volunteers. From hosting social events to timing at swim meets to serving on our board – parents are a VITAL part of our program.

While we could easily require a volunteer commitment from our families – we'd rather have you find a way that you feel you can contribute to our program. There's a lot of small ways that add up to a big machine and we can't do it alone. From small moments sorting ribbons to larger commitments like officiating, each small task is immensely helpful.

Volunteering isn't just important to the team as a whole – it shows your swimmer that you value their commitment to the sport and that you want to share in their experience. It matters more to a swimmer that mom or dad helps out than if they dissect their races with you – a lead by example sort of thing.

Job sign-ups for meets will be posted 3-4 weeks prior to the meet – so if you realize you can't fulfill your agreement, there's plenty of time to withdraw your commitment. You can also email the Volunteer Coordinator – volunteer@swimntsc.org

If you'd like to volunteer for some of our other options – talk with the coaching staff or a member of the board. We're always looking for unique talents to contribute to our community.

Please go through our list of positions and see what might fit best for you.

Hosted Meets

We host 3-5 meets per year to provide competitive opportunities for our athletes and other teams to help kids be able to swim – unlike soccer games, we can't just show up to a field and make it happen. Swim meets are elaborate orchestrations to make sure that all athletes have access to competition. **For us to host these meets, we need EVERYONE to contribute some time and energy – even if it's just 2 hours worth. While some teams have punitive charges associated with refusing to help...we'd rather provide a positive experience – creating a great meet experience can be extraordinarily fun and we have the best community of parents, swimmers and coaches to make that happen!**

We have a variety of jobs available and we need ALL of them covered to make the best meet possible for our athletes and our community. It's our social responsibility to lay a great example out there and we hope that we can do so with great flair.

Away Meets

Generally at away meets, we usually just need to provide timers and officials. If you have a swimmer in the away meet – find a way to give two hours, time, officiate...get up close with the great swimming community!