



# POOL PARENT 101

## Kansas City Blazers Swim Team

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### Pool Parent Guidelines 2021-22

Your job is generally to help with communication with parents regarding special events, to plan/coordinate events and to assist the coach with award distribution, if needed, and otherwise help your site coach. The coaches may have their own ideas about how you can help, and you can make additional suggestions to them. Please be sure to have your name and contact information and the fact that you are the pool mom posted on your site coach's page. New parents especially need someone they can go to with questions.

#### The special events include:

**Swim A Thon:** Help the coaches with the set up. We will send more information about when and where swim A Thon will be

**Team Pictures:** Help the coaches organize the kids for photos. Team photo day is also when we usually hand out the shirts for the season. Assist the coaches in handing shirts out.

**Holiday Party:** In the last few years we have done a team bowling party. Help the coaches with organizing desserts and have your holiday gift for your site coach to hand out.

**Holiday Gift Collection for Coaches:** In the past, moms have collected money and then distributed to each coach either as cash or a gift card. Venmo is the easiest way to collect donations. Create a Venmo account if you do not have one. Send out reminder e-mails. and include your Venmo and also offer that swimmers can give a cash donation to you or your child at practice. Please be sure to convey to families that gifting is not to exceed \$50 per family per coach. Give yourself about two weeks to collect funds.

**Championships Party (February):** to help spread the word and get swimmers fired up for the Missouri Valley Championships Meet. The coaches usually take the lead on this, but we will probably need help with set-up/clean up.

**Spring awards Banquet:** I will probably be asking for help as the time gets closer. Award Distribution. We have found that swimmers get their meet ribbons much more quickly if pool moms step in and organize and pass them out. It is up to the coaches on how they want this done.

**Coaches Birthdays:** Collect donations for a birthday gift for the coach. In the past we have given gift cards and brought treats to the pool to celebrate.

#### Coach Birthdays

George Adcock - National | June 19  
Mary-Catherine Ivey - National | November 9th  
Alex Morris - Senior I | November 10th  
Andrew Schmidt - Junior I November 8th  
Uldis Tazans - Junior II | October 25th  
Shawn Bequette - Age Group I & II | December 3rd

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Welcome to the Party!