

LOBO Aquatic Club Service Hours Commitment

OVERVIEW

In ADDITION to the monthly dues paid for your swimmer, the Lobo Aquatic Club has a mandatory Service Hours Commitment for each Lobo family, which applies to the families of our Gold, Platinum, and Senior swimmers.

The Lobo Aquatic Club hosts two meets per year, which are our only fund-raising activities. It is essential that we are able to fully staff these meets to continue to attract area teams to participate. The funds raised at these meets help us meet the annual operating budget, which pays pool fees, equipment, and coaches' salaries. Our meets enable Lobo to keep monthly dues low and competitive with other ABQ swim teams.

LOBO is recognized as one of the best competition hosts in New Mexico, in part, because of our facility, our professional manner, and our hospitable courtesy in hosting top-notch competition for area teams. To continue to lead in this manner we need to have our meets fully staffed with Lobo families.

The Service Hours Commitment is as follows:

1. 12 points per family, per season for a total of 24 points per year.
2. Families who have swimmers at the state championship meets must work at least one session at the state meet in addition to the 12 points per season. All teams are required by NM Swimming to provide volunteers for the state meets.
3. There is a short course season (September 1 to February 28) and long course season (March 1 to July 31); Lobo hosts a meet each season, which you should note on your calendar:
 - Short Course – First or second weekend in November
 - Long Course – First or second weekend in June
4. Service hours are fulfilled during the Lobo-hosted meets by signing up for a job and working during the meet and/or bringing food to the meet for our hospitality center. The following are examples:
 - If you sign up and work as a “Timer” for one session during our short course meet, your family will earn about 5 points. Different jobs offer varying points.
 - If you bring a case of soda for our hospitality center, your family will earn 1/2 point.
5. There are typically five (5) sessions during a meet (Friday PM, Saturday AM and PM, Sunday AM and PM) in which a family can earn points. A family can also earn points by volunteering for meet set-up (Thursday evening or Friday afternoon) and clean-up (Sunday evening).
6. To earn 12 points a family generally has to sign up for three (3) sessions during a meet. Online sign-up and job descriptions are available about two weeks before each meet.
7. Service hours are tallied after each meet, and each family is charged \$20 per unfulfilled point on the next month billing. As an example:
 - Lobo hosts a meet in November, and your family works 8 of your required 12 points. On your December bill you would be assessed \$80 for your unfulfilled service hours requirement (4 points x \$20 Point).
 - The fees collected for unworked points will be used as follows:
 - First, to hire volunteers if our meet is not fully staffed
 - Second, to fund other club activities.
8. Fundraising, sponsorships and selling advertising for the meet heat sheets may be used to offset unworked points. Fundraising is credited by dividing the dollar value of the contribution by \$20. As an example, if a family found a meet sponsor who contributed \$100, that would equal 5 points (\$100/\$20).

EXCEPTIONS

If you are unable to meet your Service Hours Commitment you must make a formal exception request to the Board of Directors prior to the meet. The Board will consider the request at the monthly Board Meeting. In general, the Board does not approve exceptions for family vacations or for conflicting activities of swimmers or other family members.

QUESTIONS

Please direct questions regarding the Service Hours Commitment to the Lobo Aquatic Club President.

If you would like to get more involved with the Lobo Aquatic Club and support your swimmer in other ways, we have numerous committees on our Board of Directors that help with the running of the Lobo Aquatic Club. To find out more information on these positions go to the LOBO website. The Board meets every second Tuesday of each month.