

Parental Responsibilities

Responsibility #1: Read the Handbook

The greatest contribution you can make to your swimmer's progress is to be a loving, supportive parent. Realize that your child is working hard and give all the support and encouragement you can. Trust the coach, encourage good diet and sleeping habits, and be an active part of the BBST family.

Please also do the following:

2. Check the BBST web site (www.BellinghamBaySwimTeam.org) and check your email to keep up on current club events.
3. Timely arrival of children at pool. Please walk children 10 and under into the pool. Before leaving swimmers of any age at the pool, always make sure there is in fact a practice, sometimes there are last minute cancellations due to pool problems.
4. Timely pick-up of children at pool. Coaches are not responsible for swimmers before or after the scheduled practice hours.
5. Communicate questions/concerns with the coaches. Ask questions. Please set up a time to meet with your child's coach about concerns. Do not ask during practice time.
6. Provide transportation to and from swim meets. Make sure your child has adequate provisions for all day meets (see the meet section of this handbook).
7. Pay swim club bills promptly. Monthly fees are due on the first of each month.
8. Do not leave young children unattended at meets. Help first time parents understand etiquette and behavior at swim meets and practices.
9. Try to take swim meet and practice schedules into consideration when planning vacations. Practice and meets are a Team activity. It affects the whole Team when swimmers are not at meets or at practice.
10. When a swimmer is absent from practice due to any circumstance, please be sure to inform the coach.
11. Your Swimmer must be at practice on a consistent basis in order to meet maximum potential.
12. Understand that BBST Coaches are professionals. From technique to Team structure and direction, swimming is their profession.