

LVSC Teamwide Attendance Policy

1. **If a swimmer's attendance falls below 50% for a two-month period (combined attendance over 2 months), the swimmer and parent will receive a warning**
2. **If a swimmer with a warning is below 50% for a 3rd month at any time in the 6 months afterwards, their spot on the team is in jeopardy**
3. **After 6 months of satisfactory attendance, the warning will be taken away and the policy is "reset"**

We've put together a list of "FAQ's" you may have regarding the above policy. We have discussed and adjusted the policy in great detail to best serve the team and families:

- **What if my swimmer is sick or has a doctor's appointment, can I write a note for an "excused" absence?** No. To keep things consistent for the policy, any absence is considered an absence. However, we know that young people will get sick! Or have school trips, family celebrations, etc. That is why we generously set the policy at a very low 50% for a two-month period. That should allow MORE than enough time for a swimmer with reasonable dedication to be above 50% even with two full weeks of practice missed.
- **What do you mean by "spot is in jeopardy"?** All factors will be considered at this point including (not limited to): attendance prior to not satisfying the policy, reason(s) for high level of absence, possible Summer travel, parent communication, group size/capacity, waitlist, etc. LVSC management will communicate with the parents. Swimmers will only lose their spot in the program if it is clear they are not taking the opportunity to embrace swimming.
- **What if my swimmer has a more significant injury or illness that lasts a month or longer?** We have a separate policy to allow for "injured leave" for an athlete in this situation. Please be sure to communicate with your Coach AND the BOD if you believe your swimmer should be on injured leave. Injured leave is not considered missed attendance as your account will be frozen during this period until they return.
- **We go away for 8 weeks over the Summer, but I pay group fees so my swimmer does not lose their spot on the team. Does this mean they will potentially lose it when we return?** No, they will not lose their spot because of a Summer trip. As described above, Summer travel will be strongly considered if a swimmer fails the policy because of this. A swimmer with otherwise good attendance in the Fall, Winter and Spring will not lose their spot on the team. Also, a Summer trip should only cause a swimmer to at worst receive a "warning" for the two-month period of June and July, so they should be able to get back in good standing. Please be sure to communicate in advance with both your group coach and managing coach (either Coach Ryan, Coach Pete, or Coach Amber) if your swimmer will be missing significant Summer practice.
- **How do I keep track of my swimmer's attendance?** Our website allows you to track your swimmer's attendance under your "Member Account" after logging in either on the phone or computer. You can set the Beginning and End date to see attendance over any period.
- **Is dryland considered part of the policy?** No. At this point we do not take separate attendance for dryland (a swimmer who misses dryland but attends swim will be marked present). If this changes, you will be informed by email.
- **Is January 2019 attendance part of the policy?** No, tracking will officially begin on Feb 1st. The first possible warning you may receive will be at the end of March 2019.

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