

SWAT Volunteer Policies and Expectations *(updated June 1, 2023)*

Outside of training fees, our largest source of funding comes from hosting meets. We typically host 2-3 meets each season. The funding we make from these meets benefits all swimmers so we expect all families to assist at our hosted meets.

At the start of each season, SWAT will publish the hosted meets for the season and the expected volunteer commitment. Our commitment expectations are PER FAMILY, not per swimmer! About two weeks before each meet a sign-up is published. The sign-up includes volunteer positions as well as options to purchase food and beverage for our top-notch hospitality area for coaches and officials. You can also fulfill your volunteer requirement by becoming an official and working at our hosted meets.

If the meet has a two session commitment, both of those can be done in the same session, for example two people can sign up as timers. You can also have your high school aged swimmers volunteer as long as it does not interfere with participation in the meet. We are ALWAYS willing to sign off on volunteer hours needed for school, etc.

NOTE: Families should not sign up for more than ONE food/beverage spot each season...a maximum of one for short course season and one for long course season.

We expect all registered families to complete the full amount of sessions with the following exceptions:

1. Families in their first session (fall, winter, spring, summer, etc) are not expected to volunteer, but are encouraged to help out. A family joining in spring would not be expected to volunteer at spring meets, etc.
2. High school families that are not in season are not expected to volunteer for meets outside of their season (boys families do not need to volunteer at winter meets, etc.) but again are encouraged to help out.
3. Families that oversee another part of the meet (volunteers, awards, hospitality) are not expected to complete any additional volunteering.
4. Families with a coach working for SWAT are not expected to complete any additional volunteering.

SAMPLE SEASON:

Dale Schrank Memorial (1 session)

Winter Grand Prix (2 sessions)

Winter Regionals (2 sessions)

In this scenario, each family would be expected to complete five sessions. We understand that our lives are busy and our volunteer coordinators are always willing to be flexible. Please contact volunteer@swimswat.org IN ADVANCE if you cannot attend a meet or with questions.