

2015-2016 Volunteer Expectations

We are looking forward to another amazing year with H2okie Aquatics! The success of the H2okie Aquatics relies on the support and volunteerism of its dedicated families. Hosting swim meets is an important source of revenue for our swim team and helps keep our fees as low as possible. This year's fees are a direct reflection of the remarkable efforts and generous support from last year's volunteers. To continue the path of success, all swim families are expected to meet a volunteer commitment.

We will be hosting approximately 3 swim meets during the 2015-2016 short course swim season and 3 swim meets during the 2015-2016 long course swim season. The dates for these meets are:

2015-2016 HOKI Hosted Meets:

- November 13-15 (short course)
- December 11-13 (short course)
- March 10-13 Short Course Age Group Champs (short course)
 - April 29 – May 1st Long Course Invite
 - June 3-5 Long Course Meet
- July 28-31 Long Course Age Group Champs (long course)

It will require thousands of volunteer hours to make these meets successful. The volunteer requirements per family are outlined below. There will be a volunteer requirement for short course season **and** long course season. If you have a swimmer in just short course, then you will be responsible for the volunteer requirement for just short course season. If you have a swimmer participating in both short **and** long course seasons, you will be responsible to fulfill the volunteer requirement for both seasons.

	Short Course (Sept-March)	Long Course (April-Aug)
Stroke School Family*	2 Sessions	
1 Child per Family	4 Sessions**	3 Sessions**
2 Children per Family	6 Sessions**	4 Sessions**
3+ Children per Family	8 Sessions**	5 Sessions**

* Stroke School families have a reduced volunteering expectation in order to encourage families to join our team and become familiar with the program. Stroke School families are those defined as only having swimmers in the Stroke School portion of our program. Session Requirements are for any of the H2Okie Hosted meets listed above. We will host several 'Stroke School' meets, which are a wonderful and convenient opportunity to learn about a swim meet, but **will not** count towards your volunteer requirement as these events are not Fundraisers for H2okie Aquatics.

****** For Age group and Senior parents, at least 1 (one) short course session must be fulfilled at the Short Course Age Group Champs meet during the short course season. If your swimmer is participating in long course, then at least 1 (one) long course session must be fulfilled at the Long Course Age Group Champs meet.

A “session” at a swim meet lasts for approximately 4 hours. Volunteering is expected even if your child is not participating in the swim competition being held. The volunteer duties do not have to be performed by the parent. Others may work on your family's behalf, e.g. Grandparents, neighbors, or even the swimmers themselves!

Once you have registered with the team and are given your password and login information, you will be able to view and keep track of the number of volunteer sessions you have remaining. In addition, when a hosted meet is approaching, you will be able to choose a job and sign up to volunteer online at our website.

Those who do not wish to volunteer during the **Short Course** season, you may choose to pay a one-time annual non-volunteer fee of \$400, due on **January 1, 2016**. Those who do not wish to volunteer during the **Long Course** season, you may choose to pay a one-time annual non-volunteer fee of \$200, due on **June 1, 2016**. If you are short any sessions during the short or long course season, you will be assessed a **\$75 fee per session** that you did not complete. These fees are paid in **addition** to any fundraising fees and monthly swim fees.

Opportunities for volunteering at swim meets include but are not limited to marshal, timer, posting results, hospitality, serving in the capacity of a USA Certified Official, et cetera. If you have been part of H2Okie Aquatics for more than 3 years, you are strongly encouraged to serve as a USA certified official.

Families will also be expected to volunteer at stroke school meets **and/or** away swim meets. These are expected requirements to represent our team at these events and are considered in addition to the volunteer expectations outlined above. Volunteer and Fundraising Expectations are independent of each other and families are required to fulfill both obligations. Should you have questions or require additional information regarding your volunteer expectations, please email our Volunteer Committee at volunteercommittee@h2okieaquatics.org.