

Blue Dolphin Swim Team

Parent Information and Requirements

Welcome to BDST Swimming. In the following pages you will find important information regarding your responsibilities as a BDST Parent.

Financial obligations associated with BDST:

- 1- Monthly dues (required)
 - a) Dues are currently \$35 per month for novice and intermediate swimmers, \$45 for advanced swimmers. The BDST Board reserves the right to change dues as necessary. For this rate to remain as is, the minimum monthly number of swimmers needs to be 25.
 - b) Payment is due by the 5th of each month at the Dallas Aquatic Center. Payment may be mailed to PO Box 1242, Dallas, OR 97338 or dropped off in the payment box in the team equipment cage. A monthly invoice will be emailed to all team members. Checks are to be made out to Blue Dolphin Swim Team.

- 2- USA Swimming membership (required)
 - a) This membership is required for all swimmers.
 - b) The annual dues for USA Swimming are included in your \$75 BDST yearly registration fee.
 - c) This membership provides insurance to the swim club as well as resources for swimmers and coaches.

- 3- Dallas Aquatic Center Annual or Semi-Annual Pass (required)

One of the requirements for participation on the Blue Dolphin Swim Team is to have a current, paid pass from the Dallas Aquatic Center. Previously, the only option was to purchase an annual pass, however, the City has extended an offer for a 6 month pass. The 6 month pass is available for \$100, paid in full, and is only available for the periods of September 1st through February 28th or March 1st through August 30th. This is an attempt to help offset the cost of participation for those swimmers that participate in other sports or take the summer off. To recap the DAC pricing, you may chose one of the following options:

- a) Annual Pass: Cost- \$200

Dallas resident receives a 10% discount, \$180 for annual pass. This becomes valid the day of purchase and requires renewal on the anniversary of original purchase. There is a monthly payment option available for the Annual Pass. You must fill out an application and authorize automatic drafts from a bank account. There is a fee for early cancellation.

b) Semi-Annual Pass: Cost-\$100

This option is only available for the 6 month periods as mentioned above. There is no payment plan available for this option. Payment in full is required. This cannot be used in conjunction with a family pass.

4- Meet Fees (optional)

- a) Swimmers will have an opportunity to compete throughout the year. It is our goal to participate, on average, in one USA Swimming sanctioned meet per month.
- b) Competitive meets are not a requirement for membership on BDST although highly encouraged.
- c) Meet fees will be \$10 per day per meet per swimmer, and will be billed with the monthly dues immediately following the meet registration. Once the meet registration is submitted, the fees are due whether the swimmer attends or not. No fees are due if the swimmer is not registered in that meet.

5- Other charges and information:

- a) Late Payment Policy: Responsible party needs to communicate with BDST if payments are going to be late or if payment arrangements need to be made. Payments are due on the 5th of the month and late after the 10th of the month. A late fee of \$5.00 will be charged to your swimmers account.
- b) NSF Policy: Responsible party must pay full amount due and will be responsible for all 'NSF' bank charges, currently \$12.00 per check and a re-processing fee of \$13.00 per check. Swimmers will not be allowed to swim until balance on account is current.
- c) Swimmers may schedule time off with no dues required during that period. Notification must be made in writing, a minimum of 14 days prior, stating the stop date and start date and copied to the Board Chair. Parents are responsible for notifying the Board Chair, in writing, when their child will no longer be on the team. Dues incurred because of failure to notify the Board Chair are a valid debt. Notification via email is acceptable and preferred.
- d) Team suits- there will be an opportunity to purchase team suits in October. These are not required but are highly recommended for team building and team identity. Please support the team and order your swimming gear on www.swimoutlet.com/bluedolphins
- e) Team pictures may also be available.
- f) Misc. supplies: i.e. goggles, caps, practice suits, towels
- g) Expenses associated with traveling to meets.

Parent Participation requirements:

- 1- BDST is a swim club and parent participation is a requirement and necessary for us to have a strong team.
- 2- The board may specifically request service from parents and assign responsibility where volunteers are lacking.
- 3- There are many ways to help out; the following is a list of volunteer positions that need to be filled in order to have a functioning organization.

The Swim Team Board handles administrative duties; members consist of, but are not limited to:

Chair- runs meetings and is the primary contact for interacting with other admin organizations such as City of Dallas, Dallas Aquatic Center, Oregon Swimming and USA Swimming.

Vice Chair- Will need to stay informed of issues and be prepared to stand in for Chair as needed. Vice Chair may also hold another board position.

Secretary- Responsible for communications within BDST and keeping meeting minutes.

Meet Coordinator- Responsible for communicating with other teams and organizing competitions both at 'home' and 'away'.

Treasurer- Responsible for tracking team finances, creating and tracking our budget, income, expenditures, monthly fees and meet fees.

Fundraising Coordinator-Responsible for overseeing and coordinating fundraising activities for the team.

Activity and Event Coordinator-Responsible for planning, organizing and coordinating activities and events for the team.

Parent Volunteer opportunities with BDST:

Many current swim teams require 2 hours of volunteer work a month per family for members. Other teams actually charge and invoice families \$10 per hour if the hours are not given. It is our desire that BDST avoids resorting to this program. We are communicating our current needs, with a hope that parents will be able to dedicate some time to the team. Coaches have witnessed direct positive impacts to swimmers when parents show they care about the team's success and choose to volunteer. Please let us know what you'd like to help out with!

Registrar/Attendance- Collect attendance at practices on a weekly basis. Collect new swimmer registrations and information for BDST and in a timely fashion.

Event and Activity assistants- Help organize activities within BDST. There will be people needed for special projects: i.e. organizing swimsuit order, organizing team pictures, managing fund raisers (swim-a-thon) and many others.

Swim Meets- Parents are needed to time during meets. Stroke and Turn officials are needed at swim meets, there is training available for you obtain this certification and the team will reimburse the fees for training.

Bulletin Board- Swimmer highlights and update information monthly.

PR Coordinator- Team photographer, submit information to the newspaper-meets, results, fundraising events.

Swim Team Fundraising Policy:

Fundraising is a vital part of the health of our team. It is crucial that all members participate in fundraising in order to keep fees and dues affordable for all swimmers.

- 1- Each swimmer is strongly encouraged to participate in as many fundraisers as possible. It is mandatory that each swimmer take part in at least two fundraisers throughout each swimming year.
- 2- Each swimmer is responsible for raising \$250 towards BDST throughout the year; with a family cap of \$475. This can be done in conjunction with fundraisers and/or through donations.
- 3- Each family that does not reach their yearly requirement at the end of the swimming year, August, will be billed the remainder of the balance not received by that time.
- 4- If a swimmer participates with the team during any part of short course, Sept-Feb, they are responsible for raising \$150. If a swimmer swims 9 months during the year, they are responsible for the full amount.

Swim Team Photograph Release:

The Blue Dolphin Swim Team desires to publish photos of swimmers participating in team sponsored events. Please note that it is our desire is to respect the privacy of all person's involved with our team. We will use discretion on what is published for other's to view. We will use the photos in different venues such as the team website, Facebook page, BDST publications, Thank you cards, Bulletin board at the pool and the local newspaper.

Parents and Coaching:

First and foremost, please remember that our coaches are here to help your swimmer improve and experience the joy of swimming! During practice, try not to distract your children. Coaches will require that parents assist as needed. You will be notified when your presence is required during practices. Please make an effort to watch your child's practices on a regular basis. Be aware that not all drills and exercises have an obvious purpose. If you have concerns, feel free to speak to the coaches after practice, not during. If you feel that a drill is unsafe you may immediately request that your child not participate in that drill but please save further conversation until after practice.

Help us have a great season and create a positive sporting experience with your athlete. Adherence to the requirements of this document and participating in your child's team will allow the team to grow, gain consistency and achieve high quality.

Thank you in advance for your help and enthusiasm,

The BDST Board

Please sign, detach and return to a BDST coach or board member ASAP.

By signing the following, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the BDST Parent Information and Policies.

Swimmer's Name: _____

Parent's Signature & Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Photograph Release:

_____ Yes, I give permission for my child's photos to be used.

_____ No, I don't give permission for my child's photos to be used.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Interests: _____

