

Parent Responsibilities

Parents are a vital part of the Cordova Blue Marlins. Once you register your child for the Blue Marlins, you will need to make sure that they get to practice regularly and on time with the necessary equipment, such as, swim suit, goggles, towel and warm clothes (if needed) for after practice. Practice equipment will include running shoes, shirt and shorts/sweat pants for the dry land training. Support and encouragement are probably the most important responsibility a parent has. They may complain about the hard workout or the fact that they did not get to be on the "A relay", but when the parent encourages and supports the child, reminding them that hard work pays off in the end.

Parents need to remember that they are still responsible for their child(ren)'s behavior while they are on the pool deck. This includes siblings and visitors. It also includes home and away swim meets. We ask that you let your swimmer(s) know that the coaches are to be respected and listened to. Parents too need to respect the coaches and the decisions that they make. Should you have questions regarding a decision of the coaches, please speak with the coach for clarification and/or call Diane in the District office. Complaining to your swimmer(s) or another parent about how a coach has handled something does not remedy the problem. Asking for clarification will at least give you more information.

Parents, please remember that it is you who keeps the swim team together. Without your support, we would not have swim meets, fund raisers or social events. Volunteering is your greatest responsibility. Every family needs to contribute a **minimum of 20 hours for the entire season** (18 hours during the dual meet season and 2 hours at the Championship meet). Volunteering is a way to be a part of the team, to learn about the team and the sport and it can be fun too! There is always a lot that needs to be done. The majority of hours will be filled at swim meets, but do not think that this is all that needs your help. The Parent Board asks that each family leave \$75 check, payable to the Blue Marlins, with the registration form. Once the Championship meet is over, the Board will meet and determine whose check needs to be shredded and whose check needs to be deposited. If you missed the Parent Meeting on April 26th then you need to contact a Parent Board member and find out when, where and how you can sign up to help.

Check out the Blue Marlin schedule. If you see an activity that you can help with, contact a Board member. The Board has been busy planning and arranging for some great activities, including the meets. They need you to step forward and help them make the events successful and fun for everyone.

Where help is needed:

- Set-up and clean up for practices and swim meets
- File the weekly newsletters in the family folders.
- Championship meet
- If you see something that needs doing, talk to a Board member or Diane.