



Prince George Barracuda Swim Club (PGBSC) Volunteer Policy

Background:

In order for the Club to have sufficient staff to host time trials or swim meets, the PGBSC requires parents or guardians to volunteer at these events. In September 2009, the executive implemented a policy regarding parent volunteers. Unfortunately, this policy was required due to a continuous lack of participation of parents at Club events. It states that for a swimmer to compete at a local time trial or swim meet, they must have someone volunteer as an official at that event. We have implemented this policy to align ourselves with the same policies other Swim BC Clubs have.

Requirement:

For a registered swimmer to swim at time trials or any in-town swim meets, a parent must volunteer for that swimmer. If a family has multiple swimmers, we do ask that you try to have an additional person volunteer; this is to ensure there are enough volunteers to cover all the roles in a swim meet. If you do not have at least 1 parent volunteer for all days that your child is to swim, then your child/ren will be removed from the meet or time trial. One volunteer cannot represent 2 separate families.

Suppose a parent is not available, but a suitable volunteer can be arranged for the volunteer position. In that case, a request must be submitted by email to the Director of Officials before the cut-off time.

After volunteering for 2 events, whether it's time trials or a swim meet, parents will be required to have taken an Inspector of Turn and/or Judge of Stroke course, to further their education in the sport, as we have a limited number of entry-level roles. There are other courses that will be offered as well, that parents will have the option to take.

If your child is in D1, Elite, Youth, or National, the club expects that you are working on your Level 2 as a Swim Official.



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Job Sign-up

You must sign up under the job sign-up when you've registered your child to swim. Please ensure you put your name on the Job Sign-up and not your child's name.

The Director of Officials will allocate roles appropriately; this includes the electronics booth. Emails requesting certain roles from the Meet Manager will not be accepted. If you are trying to get signed off on a certain role, ensure the Director of Officials knows when signing up, and they will do their best to accommodate.

If you have not signed up by 5pm on the Saturday before an event, the coaches will be informed, and your child will be removed from the swim meet or time trial. There will be no reaching out beyond this date or late sign-ups.

If you have any trouble registering, please email the Director of Officials before 5pm on the Saturday before the event at officials@pgbsc.org.

The Director of Officials will send out a schedule on Thursday before the event with your scheduled assignment. It is your responsibility to ensure that you check for your assignment before arriving at the pool. Due to last-minute changes that can occur, the Director of Officials will ensure the schedule is as current as possible. It will be a live schedule, so that multiple emails are not sent with changes.