

DORADO STARS SWIM CLUB OVERVIEW



Overview

The Dorado Stars Swim Club is a registered non-profit organization. The Club exists to provide quality competitive swimming opportunities to youths in the community it serves. The success of the Club is dependent on the commitment, efforts and direction of its member families and its coaches. Members are encouraged to involve themselves with the overall operation of the Club to ensure its success.

Season

The Club's program along with its fiscal year runs September 1 to August 31 of each year. The start date of each group may vary pending the availability of the pool facility and its grounds and the organizational make up of each group.

Board of Directors

Management of the Club is vested (by Constitution) with the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors consists of a committee of volunteers, elected by the membership to fairly represent that membership in all affairs and matters regarding the management of the Club.

Group Levels

The Head Coach shall determine to which Group Level a swimmer will be assigned. This judgement will be based on the swimmer's ability and the needs of the Club to maintain a balance of Group Structure. The Dorado Stars Swim Club is by definition a Competitive Swim Club with the Competitive Division being its Primary Training Program. Dorado also offers Sessional/Non-Competitive Programs: Prospect, Master and Cross-training.

Parent Obligations

Parents are expected to fully support the swimmers and the Club. All members are expected to demonstrate a positive attitude, commitment and respect towards its swimmers and family members, its coaches and its program and all who give of their free time in ensuring the success of the program.

Swimmer Obligations

Swimmers are expected to attend all scheduled workouts, follow the training program and compete at swim meets as designated by their coach. Swimmers are expected to conduct themselves in a disciplined and positive manner showing respect for them, their peers, coaches, parent Club members, the community and the property of others. Failure to meet the behaviour standards required could result in disciplinary action and depending on the severity of the charge could result in the removal of the swimmer from the Club. Use of illegal drugs, banned substances, performance enhancing drugs or supplements is not permitted and will result in the swimmers removal from the Club. Any decision to remove a swimmer from the Club shall be made by its Board of Directors.

Swim Meets and Meet Fees

Swimmers registered in a competitive swim club are expected to compete at designated swim meets as determined by their respective coach. A pro-rated fee (relative to group assignment and meet activity) has been incorporated into the total of your registration fees.

Cross Training

The CT program is classified as "Core Competitive". The members registered as cross training will be subject to all requirements and commitments of the swim club.

Masters

The Master program provides adults **18 years** of age and older with the opportunity to enjoy a structured program and professional coaching. Master swimmers are exempt from Bingos and all other requirements and commitments of the swim club.

Bingo

The club's participation and partnership with the Rutherford Bingo Hall is an important one. Bingo revenue is our largest source of fundraising. Moneys generated from Bingos are used to cover operational costs of the swim club. This in turn prevents substantial increases in yearly registration fees. By your registration with the Club you have agreed to complete your entire allotment of BINGOS. *Bingo Commitments run from September to September of each year.*

Tag Day

Tag Day is a Club Fundraiser held twice per year, Fall and Spring. Participation is mandatory. As representatives of the DORADO STARS SWIM CLUB each swimmer is required to canvas at a designated location for approximately 3 hours. Swimmers will be paired in groups of 2. It is a fun activity that allows the children an opportunity to promote their Club within the community. How do you do Tag Day? Wear your Club attire, bring your money box, your tags, a positive attitude and a big smile! Those who need to be exempt from Tag Day must approach the Board of Directors in due time. There is a \$100/Tag Day buy-out option for any swimmer who wishes to be exempt. As an added incentive, families earn 50 per tag day.

Swim-a-thon

Swim-a-thon is an annual event designed to raise funds which are used to help promote amateur competitive swimming at all levels, ranging from Local to International. This is done through swimmers participating in a marathon swim, up to a maximum of 200 pool lengths within the allotted time of 2 hours or less, having been pledged on a per length completed or a pre-determined amount. This event takes place at the Mayfield Pool in early Spring. All swimmers are expected to participate.

Social Functions

The Club hosts two major social functions per year. The annual Christmas party (held mid- December) and the Annual Awards Banquet (held late-October). These are fun-filled Club activities. The entire family is welcome.

Indemnity and authorization

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian of each swimmer to have their child checked by a physician to ensure that he/she is physically capable of participating in training and competition and notify the Club of any health problems that may affect his or her participation in Club activities. Members agree to hold harmless the Dorado Stars Swim Club, its Board of Directors, Coaches and all appointed agents from any and all claims, losses, expenses or liabilities of any nature whatsoever arising directly from membership with the Club. I/we hereby agree to the terms and conditions as set out herein. This statement is to be confirmed and documented on the registration agreement.

Fees and Refunds:

The Club's fee schedule and refund policy shall be published each year prior to the forthcoming swim season.