

Welch Swim Team Parent/Guardian Expectations for 2024

We couldn't have a swim team without all of the support of our amazing parents! You play a vital role for the team – not only by bringing your swimmers to practice and events, but also by providing the 40+ volunteers that are needed to make each swim meet possible.

To make sure that our coaches can focus on meeting the needs of each swimmer and that our team can operate effectively throughout the season, the Parent Representatives and coaches have agreed on the following expectations for our Welch families:

Practices

- **ARRIVAL:** Your swimmer(s) must arrive at practices and swim meets early enough to be ready to get into the water at the specified start time.
- **TEAM DISPLAY CASE:** You are responsible for making sure you, or a party responsible for your swimmer(s), checks the team display case on a daily basis for important announcements and deadlines.
- **PICKUP:** Swimmers need to be picked up in a timely manner after all practices.
- **CONTACTING PARENT REPS/COACHES:** Respect the coaches' time – especially when they are at the pool and working with children. We understand you may have questions, but please either speak with a parent rep (parents@welchsharks.com) or use the coaches' email address (coach@welchsharks.com) to contact them.

Meets

- **SIGN-UPS:** Make sure your swimmer(s) is signed up by the deadline for weekly swim meets.
- **MEET LINEUP:** Your swimmer(s) can request which events they would like to swim at meets, but the final selection of events and the lineup is the coaches' decision. All swimmers who sign-up for a meet will participate in the meet.
- **NOTIFY COACHES:** If your child has signed up for a swim meet and can no longer make it, please notify the Head Coach via email (coach@welchsharks.com) no later than noon on the day of the meet.
- **SUPERVISION OF 10 & UNDERS AT MEETS:** Children 10 & under must be supervised by an adult age 16+ throughout the duration of all swim meets. (Please do not drop your child off like you might for a swim practice.)
- **SPORTSMANSHIP:** Our team emphasizes Good Sportsmanship with the swimmers. Please understand and display appropriate meet behaviors (e.g., watch; make positive remarks; don't berate swimmers, officials, or coaches).

Volunteering/Team Donations

- **VOLUNTEERING FOR MEETS:** Support the program by volunteering in a minimum of three volunteer positions at meets during the season (concessions, timing, stroke and turn judge, seaters). Volunteer sign-ups can be found on the Meet and Event tab on our website (welchsharks.com).
- **VOLUNTEER MEETING AT MEETS:** All meet volunteers are to participate in a brief meeting prior to the meet. If you cannot make the pre-meet meeting when you are signed up to volunteer, please send someone in your place to let the volunteer coordinator know that you will be there for the meet.
- **CONCESSION DONATIONS:** Family Food Donations are required by **Monday, June 10th**. Sign up for what you can donate to the team on the website (welchsharks.com under the Meets and Events Tab). We ask that each family donate one or more of the items listed.

Please complete the online "Contact Information" form at <https://welchsharks.com/contactinfo> indicating that you have read and agree to follow the 2024 Welch Swim Team Parent/Guardian Expectations.