



Dear BCH Families -

As the school year comes to a close, BCH is looking forward to summer sessions and a great season of long course swimming ahead! There are going to be a few changes coming down the road as well! As the program begins to grow and financial responsibilities climb, we are finding that we need to make some changes to satisfy the increased costs for pool rentals, meet fees, and maintaining equipment and staff. As with all club teams, funds and parent participation allow our program to run in a competitive environment. **Therefore, three major changes are coming: an overall price increase per swimmer will take place in September (due to inflation); we will start doing 2 mandatory team fundraising events per year, and required parent volunteer hours will start back up again.**

Price Increase for each swimmer beginning on September 1st, 2023:

BCH has prided itself on making club swimming affordable and available to everyone. It has been many years since we have had to increase our cost per swimmer; however, due to rising costs from inflation, the monthly price per swimmer will need to increase by \$15. The National and Regional Teams will increase by \$20 per swimmer. For families with multiple swimmers, the family cap will now be \$315 per month.

*** PRICE INCREASES WILL ONLY AFFECT ATHLETES WHO PRACTICE AT THE MULTIGEN POOL*

Mandatory Fundraising Expectations:

As with all club teams, fundraising provides funds to help our program stay competitive. Therefore, our club will conduct 2 fundraisers per year. Our first fundraiser will be in June selling \$20.00 Discount cards with restaurants and services from the Henderson and Boulder City area.

NTG/RTG - 10 cards required per athlete (\$200.00 in fundraising)

All other groups - 5 cards required per athlete (\$100.00 in fundraising)

If you have multiple athletes in RTG/NTG (2+), only one child has to sell 10, all others are 5. (Family cap of 25 cards)

*** ALL UNSOLD CARDS WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ATHLETE*

Our second fundraiser will coincide with the Nevada State Championship Swim Meet that we will be hosting in November. Details to come!

Required Volunteer Hours:

For the past several years, BCH has not required a set amount of hours for parents to volunteer at meets. However, in order to have each meet run smoothly, we need to start requiring this again. A new Tier program will begin this August for all BCH families. We are aware that several parents may not be able to volunteer due to work or other time constraints, therefore other feasible volunteer opportunities will be offered as well. The following is an outline of the new Tier program:

Tier I Parents- NTG/RTG (Coach Mike & Coach Brian): 20 volunteer hours required per year

Tier II Parents- JO/Pre-JO (Coach Justin, Coach Ryan & Coach Mike): 15 volunteer hours required per year

Tier III Parents- JV/Age Group 1/Age Group 2 (Coach Rachel & Coach Nick): 10 volunteer hours required per year

Boulder City Groups- (Coach Tana & Coach Katie): 10 volunteer hours required per year

**** IF YOU HAVE MULTIPLE CHILDREN ON BCH, YOU ARE ONLY REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE HOURS OF YOUR HIGHEST TIERED ATHLETE**

- Hour requirements that are not fulfilled by the end of the year (Aug-July) will be billed at a rate of \$25.00 per unfulfilled hour.
- All families are required to complete hours regardless of participation in meets.
- If a family joins mid-season, expected hours will be prorated accordingly.
- Job sign-ups will be done online through your OnDeck App or through Team Unify.
- Sign-in tables will be made available at every meet where you will check in that you have arrived for your designated shift.
- If you sign up for a shift and you do not show, you will be charged for that hour as another parent has to fill that gap. If you find your own replacement, there are no penalties and the family that filled in for you will be able to get those hours.
- **DON'T FORGET TO SIGN IN FOR YOUR SHIFT! THIS IS HOW WE WILL CONFIRM AND GIVE YOU YOUR HOURS!**
- You are responsible for your hours. Kari Woodward will keep record and all questions will be answered through her.

If you are unable to give of your time, the following are alternative options that can go towards your required volunteer hours:

1. Donating gift cards: Smith's, WalMart or Costco, which are used to help offset the costs involved with the meets. Gift cards are credited towards service hours at a rate of \$20/hour. Gift cards can be donated any time. Please make sure that they are given to a staff person in a sealed envelope with your athlete's name, as well as with the gift card receipt.
2. Helping prepare meals for hospitality prior to and/or during a meet. This involves working with one of our volunteer coordinators prior to the meet to confirm what needs to be prepared, when it needs to be delivered, etc. Service hours are given for the prep time as well as for any costs if you choose to purchase the food. Sign Up Genius is how we will alert families to what is needed for our hospitality room and snack shack.

****WE HIGHLY ENCOURAGE FAMILIES TO VOLUNTEER TIME VERSUS THESE OPTIONS. THIS IS ONLY FOR SITUATIONS WHERE YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE AT A SWIM MEET DUE TO A TIME CONSTRAINT.**

How do I sign up to volunteer?

When volunteer opportunities become available for BCH events, you can find them on our website by logging into your account, going to the homepage and then finding the specific event under the "Meets and Events" section. Jobs will be listed by clicking on "Job Signup". Once you have signed up for a specific job(s), please sign in at volunteer check-in at the event so we can verify that you fulfilled your commitment. After the event, your hours will be recorded based on that sign-in sheet. Please allow up to one week after the event ends for hours to be added to your account.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. Thank you for your support and participation in our BCH Heatwave Club Team! We're looking forward to another great season. Swim Fast!

Sincerely,

The BCH Heatwave Swim Team Staff