

# CHABOT MARLINS SWIM TEAM PARENT AGREEMENT

FAMILY NAME:

The Chabot Marlins Swim Team is a family-oriented community activity focused on the personal growth of its members. It could not operate or exist without the contributions of work, time, and fees of all parents. Only the coaches are paid; all other work is done by parent volunteers. Your fees cover only part of the team's operating costs (fundraising being the balance); which are kept low by the efforts and time of parents. We ask parents to agree to minimal work contributions and other provisions to ensure that we have a successful, competitive, and healthy team with the best experience for all.

## PART A – THE BASICS

- **Parent Jobs/Work**. At a minimum, I agree to perform the jobs/duties described in Parts B and C of this Agreement and understand that this is **mandatory**. This will include serving **both** (1) a job at each swim meet at which my child participates, and (2) a support team outside of swim meets.
- **Supervision and Responsibility**
  - I, or another responsible adult I designate, agree to be present at all swim meets at which my child participates, including the League Championship meet if applicable.
  - I agree to drop off my child no more than ten (10) minutes prior to the start of, and to pick up my child promptly at the end of, his/her practice time. If staying for swim practice, I agree to responsibly supervise any other children I may have with me.
  - I agree to be responsible for the behavior of my child, myself, and my family at practices, meets, and any swim-team sponsored activities. I also understand that the Chabot Marlins Swim Team Board may, at its discretion, remove my child from the Team for inappropriate behavior; excessively poor attitude; causing disruption at practices or meets; theft; causing damage or vandalism to facilities or property; violation of Club or League rules; or similar actions. If such removal is necessary my fees and deposit may not be refunded.
- **Timely Notification of Non-Attendance at Meets**. If my child will be unable to attend a swim meet I agree to inform the coaches by **no later than** the Monday before the meet. I understand that my failure to do so may result in the Team losing points at the meet and other swimmers being unable to participate. (For the Champs meet, I will inform the coaches by July 1, 2010).
- **Interference with Coaches**. I will respect the swimmer-coach relationship and agree not to interfere with the coach's teaching nor coach or criticize my child or other children during practices. I agree not to interrupt coaches during practices or swim meets except in emergencies.
- **Swim Apparel**. I agree that I am responsible for purchasing the official team swim suit. I agree that my child will wear the suit at all swim meets and on picture day. I also understand that I am responsible for purchasing goggles and a swim cap for my child should these be necessary.
- **Deposit for Compliance with this Agreement**. I agree to submit at registration a deposit of \$50, which will be refunded at the end of the season, provided I do not violate this agreement. **I will forfeit \$25 of my deposit for each violation of the agreement. After each violation and forfeiture, I agree to replenish my deposit to \$50 before my child may resume practices and meets.**
- Forfeiture of the deposit does not relieve me of my parent jobs/help obligations.
- A family with more than four violations of this agreement may not be allowed to return to the team.

⇐ **Check here if you understand and agree to Part A.**

## PART B – PARENT JOBS AT MEETS REQUIREMENT

**At each swim meet in which your child participates, each family is required to perform a parent job spanning one *shift*, which is approximately half of the meet.**

The parent jobs and swim meets are described in more detail in the Team Handbook, available for download at [www.chabotmarlins.com](http://www.chabotmarlins.com).

You will be assigned and informed of your parent job prior to each meet, generally by email. If you prefer one or more jobs over others, you may check your preference(s) below. However, *you are not guaranteed of being assigned to your preferences.* Meet directors may assign you according to need.

If you have no preference or are not familiar with the jobs, please do not check any jobs.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Timer       | <input type="checkbox"/> Scorers' Table                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Announcer            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recorder    | <input type="checkbox"/> Snack Shack                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Assist Meet Director |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deck Runner | <input type="checkbox"/> Shepherd (10 & under age groups) |   |

⇐ ***Check here if you understand and agree to Part B.***

## PART C – PARENT SUPPORT TEAMS REQUIREMENT (Outside of Swim Meets)

**Each family is required to have a parent serve on at least one support team providing assistance outside of swim meets.**

Please check  below next to **TWO** or more teams on which you can serve. Circle strong preferences.

**Fund-Raising Events Team**

*This support team will assist with our fundraising activities, such as our swimathon, Rigatoni's nights, poker tournament, designing ads for the champs program, or the basket raffle and silent auction at the annual banquet. Assistance might include distributing or collecting forms or donations, acquiring items from families or vendors, or coordinating some of the logistics.*

**Marlins Wear Team**

*This support team will sell and distribute "Marlins Wear," such as sweatshirts, t-shirts, sweat pants, hats, swim caps, swim suits, parkas, etc. during swim season.*

**Fun Days Team**

*This support team will coordinate and acquire materials for fun days such as the pasta feed, talent show, spirit day, camping trip, Waterworld trip, hiking trips, or other events. Assistance may include selling tickets, preparation and setup, service, cleanup, advertisement, etc.*

**Home Meet Setup Team**

*This support team will perform preparations the day before home meets, such as getting food supplies from Costco, preparing food (chopping, etc.) and preparing the pool area (chairs, etc).*

⇐ ***Check here if you understand and agree to Part C.***

## PART D – SELECTION OF THE “CHAMPS 100”

All twelve teams of the East Bay Swim League (EBSL) come together to compete in a final championship meet at the end of the season (“Champs”). By EBSL rule, each team may only bring 100 swimmers to Champs. Most teams, including the Marlins, have more than 100 swimmers on the team each year, and so a decision often must be made to leave some swimmers off the Champs roster. This decision can be difficult both for coaches and swimmers, but it is necessary.

The roster of swimmers who will compete at Champs will be made by the Marlins head coaches.

**Please note that the decision of the coaches is final.** We are unable to modify the roster once it is posted with the League, and there is no appeals process. The coaches endeavor always to be fair and do what is best for the team and each swimmer. We realize that their decision will not always please everyone, but we ask that all parents and swimmers respect and abide by it.

Please also note that **to be eligible to compete at Champs, swimmers must participate in at least 4 dual meets during the regular season.** This requirement applies regardless of any other factor.

The following factors are considered by the coaches when selecting the Champs roster.

- The ability of each swimmer to score points at the Champs meet;
- The combination of swimmers who will provide the best age group balance and relay teams across all events;
- The team spirit, attitude, effort, and attendance (at practices and meets) of each swimmer;
- The number of years each swimmer has been with the team and whether he/she is graduating this year;
- Parental involvement in critical and time-intensive positions.

Swimmers with qualified siblings may be given special consideration but are not guaranteed to be on the Champs roster.

⇐ ***Check here if you understand and agree to Part D.***

### AGREEMENT SIGNATURE

Print Family Name >

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*I understand and agree to abide by all Parts of the Agreement above and wish to register my child for the Chabot Marlins Swim Team.*

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Parent Signature

Date