

Boilermaker Aquatics
2006-2007 Short Course Season
Committee and Other Participation and Involvement Opportunities

The Boilermaker Aquatics Swim Team is a not-for-profit organization run entirely by volunteers except for the paid coaches. It requires many hundreds of hours to keep the team running. The team can not operate without volunteers. There are many opportunities to help (i.e. at swim meets, on committees, assist on committees, at dual meets, and/or as an official). It's a way to show your swimmer that you are supportive of his/her efforts. Find a way to help that you will enjoy and get involved. We believe BA can offer our swimmers the best experience possible, but it requires parents to contribute to the cause. A lot of work is done behind the scenes. Please look at ways to help other than just at the meets. A lot of administrative tasks, planning and preparations are needed. The committees listed below can use your help and ideas.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: This committee works on developing team and team family social activities including end of season banquet/party, developing swimmer award and development programs, develop tracking of swimmer objectives/goals and times, handle and organize new swimmer call outs, organize recruiting open houses, developing and organizing a new swimmer and parent orientation, and developing and organizing a parent mentor program for new swim families.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Includes improving and organizing the BA email newsletters, updating and improving the BA bulletin boards, updating and improving the BA web site, improving and maintaining community relations, handling and improving communications with the local schools, communicating team activities to the media, improving the BA brand name, developing and improving general team awareness, and publishing newsletters or other publications as needed. Includes developing and distributing callout information and advertising.

MEET PLANNING COMMITTEE: Planning and organizing for home/hosted swim meets. Work with the coaches on meet details and scheduling. Publish heat sheets for the meets. Arrange facilities for meets. Work with the head coach to develop meet packets. Get home meets sanctioned. Receive entries for home meets. Includes the following subcommittees:

HOSPITALITY/CONCESSIONS SUBCOMMITTEE: Planning, purchasing, preparing and organizing food, drinks and services for hospitality areas for coaches and officials and for concessions at meets.

VOLUNTEER SUBCOMMITTEE: Arranging and organizing volunteers for activities, events, and meets. Recruit committee members. Recruit officials (See below).

OFFICIALS

Officials run the swim meets and swim meets can not be held without officials. There are two types of swim officials (technical and administrative). Training is required to be an official and officials must be USA Swimming/Indiana Swimming certified. The team sponsors periodic clinics to certify officials in the USA Swimming program, and we also encourage parents to attend other such clinics in the area. Technical levels of certification include timer, judge, starter, and referee. Administrative officials include operating the timing system and the computer. With the number of swimmers we have, the number of meets attended, and the quality of competition of these meets, it is essential that we have a contingent of well-qualified officials. This is one way parents can really help our program, and we encourage interested individuals to fill these roles. Talk to a coach, a current official, or a Board member to get details.