



AQUAOAKS ARTISTIC SWIMMING CLUB

Attendance Policy

Attendance at practices is an integral part of the commitment of being a member of team. A swimmer's absence affects their individual performance as well as their team's ability to reach their goals. Any extended absences have a large impact on the entire team so it is essential that the coach is notified as soon as possible of any planned absence.

Scope and Application of this Policy

- Swimmers are expected to be committed for the entire competitive year as a team member.
- Swimmers arrive for practices (water and land) at the time requested by coaches, in proper attire and with necessary equipment, so that practices can start at the designated time.
- Attendance and participation at all practices (water and land) is mandatory.

Special events may receive consideration from the coach, but absences must be approved prior to the occasion by the coach. Any extended absence has a big impact on the whole team as routine practices are greatly affected. This is critical in the two-weeks before a competition.

- Swimmers are expected to attend all practices.
- Swimmers with medical ailments are expected to attend practice and participate as much as possible.
- In circumstances where swimmers cannot attend for medical reasons, e.g. fever, vomiting, the swimmer or parent or guardian must communicate with the coach prior to practice or in a timely manner.
- Exceptional circumstance related to attendance must be discussed and authorised by the Head Coach.
- Continued and/or unexcused absences will be managed on a case by case basis by the Head Coach.
- A swimmer is expected to attend ALL competitions. If a swimmer must miss a competition for ANY reason, the parent/guardian MUST communicate with the Head Coach immediately.
- Absences from any competition not approved by AquaOaks Artistic Swimming may impact participation at future competitions at the discretion of the coach and head coach.