



ATTENDANCE POLICY



All swimmers wishing to practice with the Mach 2 or Moon Lander groups, in addition to all swimmers wishing to represent the team at the national championship level and beyond, must adhere to the attendance policy below.

These attendance standards have been set in order to preserve the integrity of a practice environment geared towards training championship level swimmers. Swimmers are more motivated to train hard and to manage their time to be at practice when they know their teammates will be there with them. Consistent training is needed at the advanced level in order to continue improvement, and the coach can design a much more effective, progressive training plan when the swimmers are there on a regular basis. Furthermore, traveling across the country for a week-long meet is a significant investment of time and money for both the families and the team. If a swimmer has not shown the commitment level needed to excel at the national championship level, that swimmer should focus more on local competition.

**A minimum attendance of 75% is required to practice with the Mach 2 group.
A minimum attendance of 85% is required to practice with the Moon Lander group.**

Attendance will be posted at the end of each month. If, at that time, a swimmer has not met the minimum attendance percentage required of his/her group, the following steps will be taken:

1. Both the swimmer and parent will be notified
2. The swimmer will be given the next two weeks (first two weeks of the next month) as a probationary period to meet the required attendance percentage of his/her group
 - a. If, after that two week span, the swimmer has still not met the attendance requirement, he/she will be moved down a level for the remainder of the month (no less than two weeks). Fees will not be adjusted at that time.
 - i. Swimmers in Moon Lander will be moved down to Mach 2
 - ii. Swimmers in Mach 2 ages 13-14 will be moved down to Mach 1
 - iii. Swimmers in Mach 2 ages 15&Over will be moved down to Stunt Pilot 2
 - b. If, after that two week probation, the swimmer has met the attendance requirement, he/she will remain in that group for the remainder of the month, and the process will repeat at the end of the month when the attendance is posted once again.
3. If, after being moved down a level, the swimmer has not met the attendance requirement to be moved back up at the end of the month, the swimmer will remain at the lower level for the following month and fees will be adjusted to reflect the new group placement.

Swimmers who are qualified for YMCA Nationals must maintain a minimum attendance of 85% in order to attend the meet.

If a swimmer is already qualified for YMCA Nationals at the beginning of a season, he/she must maintain a minimum attendance of 85% throughout the course of the season. If a swimmer is not qualified for YMCA Nationals at the beginning of the season, he/she shall follow the attendance policy specific to his/her group (75% for Mach 2, no requirement for any other group). Once a swimmer qualifies for YMCA Nationals, he/she shall then maintain 85% attendance for the remainder of the season leading up to the meet. Swimmers who do not satisfy these requirements are subject to being removed from the meet.

Practices missed due to participation with the swimmer's high school swim team will be excused, along with other absences such as illness or injury that can be verified by a doctor's note. All other absences can be made up to receive attendance credit. Any absences must be communicated on record with the coach via note, e-mail or phone call.

Swimmer's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date