

Longhorn Aquatics

VOLUNTEER SYSTEM

The Longhorn Aquatics (TXLA) training fee structure does not pay for all the expenses of the program; a significant amount of program expenses are realized through two primary fund raising activities:

1. Swimming and Diving meets
2. The Longhorn Aquatics Store

These activities account for approximately 45% of the operating revenues of Longhorn Aquatics. The swimming and diving meets are staffed primarily by volunteers. In order to ensure that all families on the team share the responsibility of the volunteer workload and to create greater participation by all, a requirement of team membership is participation in the *Volunteer System*. If members choose not to volunteer, they become responsible for the additional fees listed below.

- **Participation in the Volunteer System is mandatory, even if members do not compete in meets. Only Masters Swimmers and Masters Divers are exempt from this program.**
- The “volunteer requirement” is determined **on a per family basis**. The level of family commitment is based on the highest level of training in which the family participates. See the schedule below.
- The Volunteer period runs from September - July and is divided into two seasons for swimming and one for diving. Families that join TXLA after fall registration will be responsible for fulfilling volunteer requirements on a prorated monthly basis. Any day of participation in the month counts as having participated that month.
- Credits towards the volunteer requirement are earned by working at a TXLA hosted event. Credit (points) are earned based upon the job fulfilled at these events. Volunteers filling the positions earn the points associated with that position. Working at non-hosted TXLA meets does not count towards the volunteer requirement.
- Volunteer points are tracked using an online system called SuperMeets. More information about positions available and the responsibilities can be found on the website. Families can track their progress in fulfilling the volunteer requirement using this website.
- **Families will be emailed information about upcoming volunteer opportunities.**
To sign-up, **families must be registered on SuperMeets** (see login instructions at: <http://www.utexas.edu/longhornaquatics/meets/>)

To get these emails, make sure you have subscribed for the list serve. (see: <http://www.utexas.edu/longhornaquatics/subscribe.html>)
- For all unfulfilled volunteer points, a fee will appear in full on your May and September TXLA bill. The charge will be calculated as # of unfulfilled points x \$12.00.
- If a family leaves TXLA during the fiscal year, that family is responsible for the payment of unfulfilled volunteer fees on a prorated basis. The fees will appear on the next monthly bill.

GROUP	Short Course Season Points Required	Long Course Season Points Required
<u>SWIMMING</u>		
	September – March	April – July
Senior I	50	50
Senior II	40	40
Senior III	32	32
Longhorns	24	24
Junior Longhorns	12	12
<u>DIVING</u>		
	September – July	
Group A-1	20	
Group A-2	12	
Group B	8	

- **If you do not fulfill your family’s volunteer requirements you will be billed \$12.00 for EACH point missing.** This rate approximates the cost of hiring staff to cover critical positions at meets.

- **Volunteer points cannot be credited towards another season or family.**
- **NEW THIS YEAR:** Families whose children participate in championship meets such as American Short Course, Senior Circuit Championships and TAGS will be **required** to volunteer for those particular meets, even if the family's point requirement has already been met. Failure to comply will result in a surcharge which will be based on our extra personnel costs.