

FAMILY NOTICE AND ACCEPTANCE OF CLUB REQUIREMENTS

For all new members and returning members please read the following carefully and sign at the bottom of the page.

Communication – Each family will have a file folder in the Seahawk box located on the spectator level of the pool. Any information, updates, newsletters, ribbons from meets, etc. are placed in the folders and should be checked every time your swimmer is at the pool. **The primary source of information is via e-mail.** We also have a **voice mail 469-3343** where updates are provided and messages may be left if needed. If a call back is not necessary, please hang up at the end of the message. Please make use of this. Also check the bulletin board for all information especially meet information and don't forget to check the swimmers folder regularly.

Check our **website** – www.washingtonvilleseahawks.com

Team Uniform - To insure delivery by the first meet, suits **must be ordered in September.** **Payment is required at the time of order and is non-refundable.**

Family Obligations – The dues charged do NOT cover all the club expenses. Our only paid persons are coaches and lifeguards. Salaries, insurance and other expenses are covered by various fund raising activities. Meets can only be run with the help of family staffing. If a family fails to meet its commitments, the swimmer(s) will not be permitted to participate in the program and will be ineligible to attend the year-end banquet or receive their annual trophy. Listed are the various commitments that must be fulfilled:

A) **Raffle tickets:** The tickets purchased at time of registration are for the December lottery raffle.

B) **Seahawk Winter Classic:** (held at our pool). The Seahawk Winter Classic Invitational has helped us hold dues and other fundraising activities to a minimum therefore, **All families must commit to three hours of work as assigned.** Whether or not your swimmer participates, you are required to fulfill your requirement. See Family Obligations above.

C) **US Meet hosted with Dutchess Devil Fish:** (held at our pool). This is a large meet with swimmers from around the Hudson Valley and Westchester. **Whether or not your swimmer participates, you are required to fulfill your requirement.** See Family Obligations above.

D) **ESSL Championship Meet** (if held at our pool): For the last several years we have hosted the ESSL Championship meet. Concession sales have helped us hold dues and other fundraising activities to a minimum also. **All families must commit to three hours of work either the night before for set up or during the meet.** Friday night time will first be awarded to those families who do not have a swimmer in the Championships on a first come basis. **Whether or not your swimmer participates, you are required to fulfill your commitment.** See Family Obligations above.

E) **Committee work.** Concession requires work at all home meets (three), Both the **Timing and Swim Committee** require a minimum of 2 meets home or away. Scoring and ribbons is a six meet requirement but a three meet commitment. **Open Swim is mandatory for all families.** It consists of **two definite Friday nights** and being on call for one additional.

Failure to meet your commitments will require you to take the work waiver option (see below).

1. Work Waiver Option: A family may elect to purchase a work waiver as follows: To eliminate all regular meet requirements and the open swim requirement, the **work waiver fee is \$200.00. There is no waiver of the following: Seahawk Winter Classic Invitational, ESSL Championship, Nifty Fifties and US Meet hosted with Dutchess Devil Fish.**

2. Questions/Problems: A list of the current directors with their phone numbers will be posted on the club bulletin board, e-mailed and listed in the parent handbook. Questions or problems about any coach should first be presented to a Director. **NOTE:** Coaches and lifeguards control deck activity and **should not** be interrupted during the program except for an emergency.

3. Attendance: The coaches recommend 2 or 3 practices a week for level I swimmers; 3 to 5 practices a week for level 2 and Each family determines how often they attend practice; however, swimming improvement is directly related to the number of practices a swimmer attends.

4. Meet Requirements: Level I swimmers are required to attend 6 ESSL Dual Meets, the Club Invitational and if qualified the ESSL Championship Meet. Level 2 and 3 swimmers are required to attend 6 ESSL Dual Meets including the Club Invitational, and if qualifies the ESSL Championship Meet. Coaches choose the events for swimmers at ESSL dual meets. In addition, they may choose to attend US Swim Meets. Attendance at practice is one of the factors they consider when making their choices. Swimmers may choose the events to swim at invitational meets. **Swimmers must remain at ESSL Dual Meets until the completion of the meet.**

5. Parent meetings: A parents meeting prior to the start of the season is mandatory. We will also attempt to hold meetings during the season in order to communicate with the Board of Directors about the program. Questions and comments throughout the year are welcomed.

6. All parents are requested to visit the locker rooms and insure that no food or beverage goes downstairs during practices or meets. We are considered an outside pool user and **our continued privilege can be revoked if we do not meet school rules.**

The person signing below acknowledges receipt of this notice and agrees that their family will comply with the rules and regulations established by the Board of Directors of Washingtonville Seahawk Swim Club, Inc.

Signature

Print name

Date_____