

GSA Team Apparel and Equipment

GSA is pleased to partner with Speedo as the official uniform, apparel, and equipment supplier for our team. The below policy is in place to ensure we uphold our responsibilities as stated in the agreement.

Team Equipment - Equipment items for each training group will be outlined at the beginning of each season. Previously purchased equipment may continue to be used without issue. When equipment needs to be replaced, Speedo equipment is preferred.

Team Apparel - Parents and swimmers will be made aware of any apparel items that are required. All other apparel items are optional and can be purchased by families throughout the season.

Swim Meet Uniform – An on-deck uniform appearance is one method of demonstrating team identity. From the time athletes arrive, to the time they leave, swimmers are asked to be in GSA team apparel (t-shirt, team suit, sweatshirts etc).

Team Suit Meets - For all meets designated as team suit meets, swimmers will wear their Speedo team suit and GSA cap. In the event the Speedo team suit is not available, a plain navy Speedo suit may be worn.

Tech Suit Meets - For all meets designated as tech suit meets by GSA coaches, swimmers may wear their NCS approved tech suit. 12 & Under swimmers may choose to wear a specified Speedo suit. 13 & Over swimmers may choose to wear a variety of specified Speedo Tech suits. A swimmer may always choose to wear the Speedo team suit. The GSA cap will be worn.

- Non-Speedo tech suits purchased previously have been approved by Speedo to be used this season. When a new tech suit is necessary, Speedo brand is preferred.
- Swimmers should compete in a Speedo tech suit at a Futures level meet or higher as those swimmers receive championship items with those specific competition.

Swimmers and coaches are asked to use and wear Speedo products when competing and/or training under GSA. Swimmers and coaches are encouraged to refrain from wearing apparel bearing the name, mark or logo associated with any businesses or entity that is in competition with Speedo or its products.

VOLUNTEER POLICY (For All Swimmers Participating in Swim Meets)

GSA operates as a non-profit organization with operating costs covered by athlete training fees, meet revenues, and fundraising. GSA hosts 4-6 USA Swimming sanctioned competitions each year which require significant volunteer support to execute well. GSA members are expected to volunteer at all GSA hosted meets (John Dewey, January Jump Start, Mother May I, and Eastern Invitational) to provide excellent experiences for our swimmers.

Family Participation Policy (7/2024)

If your child is swimming in a GSA hosted meet, your service is required to work each session they compete in. For instance - if your child is swimming in only one (1) session, you will only be required to work one (1) session. **In a prelim/final meets, all parents of GSA swimmers who make finals will be asked to work during finals in addition to the above requirements.**

Notification

If you do not sign up for the service hours and do not report to the service desk at the meet, you will be subject to a **\$35 fine per session**, which will be invoiced to you on the monthly billing statement. A record will be kept of your service time.

Service Sign up (Job Sign Up)

To streamline the process, volunteer sign-ups are handled via the GSA website www.swingasa.org. Go to the event page and click on Job Sign Up and choose a position to fill.

If you are not able to sign-up on the website (the list is usually locked out one or two days prior to the meet), you are responsible for coming to the volunteer desk at the beginning of warm-ups to sign up and fill in where the meet manager needs you.

For meet service questions please contact our volunteer coordinator at coordinator@swingasa.com

Family Participation Options

You may choose different ways to fulfill your service obligation. Parents may work one (1) session or parents may work a session in which their child is not swimming. There are also other jobs behind the scenes (Meet hospitality, selling heat. Sheets, shopping for concessions, moving supplies, concession runs, etc.) for those who are looking for something “outside the box”. Inquire with the meet coordinator if you are interested in any of these options or contact us at coordinator@swingasa.com

Credit for service hours are only given for GSA Hosted Meets.

To earn credit for each session worked, you can become a NC Official. All training and USA Registration is paid for by GSA.

Contact Coach Ron at ron@gaswim.org and he will help get the process going.