

BRAZADAS BLAST

KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Looking to get involved?

Swim officials and volunteers are essential to making swim meets happen. As Brazadas continues to grow and become more active in the swim community, here in Bakersfield and beyond, the need for officials and meet volunteers grows as well.

Swim meets require many helping hands, including timers, registration, timing table support, officials, hospitality, and more. At Brazadas, we are starting small with our intrasquad meets and learning the ropes, with the goal of hosting meets beginning this fall. When we attend meets out of town, having trained officials also allows us to support host teams and families.

Officials are a vital part of every swim meet, and while we're fortunate to already have a couple of officials, we are looking to grow that group. No prior experience or deep knowledge of swimming is required; training, education, and support are provided.

Brazadas Swim Club will provide all registered officials with a polo and baseball hat, and will reimburse background check and USA Swimming registration fees.

If you're interested in giving back and helping our swim community grow now and in the future, please consider getting involved.

For more information, contact Jason Minch at swimofficialdadcc@gmail.com.

USA Swimming Registration

All swimmers are required to have a current USA Swimming membership to participate in practices and meets. This requirement applies to every swimmer on the team.

- Full Price Membership, [click here](#).
- Outreach Membership, [click here](#).

Thank you for taking care of this as soon as possible.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

[Click here for practice schedule.](#)

Get all required practice gear at our [Brazadas FINIS Team Store](#).

The store is built specifically for our team, includes each group's required equipment, offers 30% off, and supports the club.

Practice Schedule Updates

- Tuesday & Thursday, January 20 & 22: Bronze & Silver added practices at regular times
- Friday, January 23: No PM practices (all groups) – *Zadas Distance Intrasquad Meet*
- Saturday, January 24: No practices (all groups) – *Zadas Sprint Intrasquad Meet*
- Effective Monday, January 26: Gold Group practices will now begin at 6:15 PM.

👉 Please refer to the [January calendar](#) for full details.

High School Season Update (Begins Monday, January 26)

Schedule reminder: With high school swim season underway, we continue to share pool space at East Side Aquatic Center. Occasional Friday practice cancellations may occur, with added Saturday workouts when needed.

Ongoing change effective Monday, January 26: Gold Group practice time: 6:15–7:45 PM

Thank you for your flexibility and support.

COMPETITION NEWS & INFORMATION

[Click here for competition schedule](#)

Zada Distance & Sprints

- Jan 23-24 in Bakersfield, CA
- Meet information click [here](#).
- Registration deadline has closed

BC Championships

- Jan 31- Feb 1 in Hanford, CA
- Meet information coming soon, still waiting on host team
- This meet is open to swimmers with BC time standards

DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Brazadas Families,

Last week, I shared a reflection about the lessons I learned from my coach, lessons that went far beyond swimming. Responsibility. Respect. Accountability. Showing up prepared. Those values did not just shape us as athletes, they shaped who we became as people. Those same lessons continue to guide what we teach on deck every day.

This weekend, we get to see those lessons in action at our Intrasquad Distance and Sprint Meet. These intrasquad meets are about more than racing the clock. They are opportunities for athletes to compete, support one another, and better understand how swim meets work as a whole. We are excited to watch our swimmers step up, challenge themselves, and embrace the team environment.

As our club continues to grow, events like this also remind us that swimming is truly a community effort. From athletes and coaches to families supporting behind the scenes, everyone plays a role. Thank you to those who already help make our meets and practices run smoothly, and to those considering getting more involved as we move forward.

I appreciate the continued support of our families and the positive culture you help create. It is exciting to see our athletes grow, not just as swimmers, but as people.

Go Brazadas,
Craig

Office Hours & Contact:

Our regular office hours are Monday–Friday, 1–3 p.m. at East Side Aquatic Center. But you're welcome to call or email anytime or request a meeting at another time.

To meet with the Director or Head Coach, email [Craig](#) or [Jackson](#). If we miss your call at 661-456-8401, please leave a message. We return emails and calls within 24 hours on weekdays (except meet days).

Team Resources:

Team Member Handbook and Brazadas Blast archive available on the [Resources Page](#). The Blast is sent every Tuesday, miss one? Find it in the archive.