

# **BRAZADAS BLAST**

## KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Tech Suit Information and Team Store Reminder

Tech suits are a common topic as we head into championship season, so we want to share some guidance to help families make informed decisions.

USA Swimming rules state that swimmers 12 years old and under are not permitted to wear technical (tech) suits at any USA Swimming sanctioned meet. This includes suits with compression or performance-enhancing materials. Swimmers 13 and over may wear tech suits, but they are never required. For older athletes, we encourage families to check with their coach if they are unsure whether a tech suit is appropriate.

If a swimmer is not wearing a tech suit at a meet, they should wear their Brazadas team suit, as it is part of our team uniform and helps promote a unified team presence on deck.

Brazadas Swim Club families can purchase tech suits and team swimwear through our FINIS team store at <https://www.finisswim.com/partners/brazadas>. Tech suits can be found under the Swimwear section. Families receive 30% off using the code brazadas30. We also have sample tech suits available in the office if you would like to see them in person before purchasing.

When you shop through our vendor and use the team code, a portion of the purchase goes back to Brazadas Swim Club. This support helps us provide polos for coaches and officials and may help fund future programs such as swim lessons and additional swim equipment. Every purchase through our sponsor helps support Brazadas Swim Club, and we truly appreciate it.

If you have questions about tech suits, meet attire, or USA Swimming rules, please reach out to your swimmer's coach.

### Swim officials and volunteers are essential to running swim meets

As Brazadas grows and works toward hosting meets this fall, we're looking for parents and supporters to help as officials and volunteers. No experience is needed, training and support are provided, and the club reimburses registration and background check fees. If

you're interested in giving back and supporting our swim community as a swim meet official, please contact Jason Minch at [swimofficialdadcc@gmail.com](mailto: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

- Effective Monday, January 26: Gold Group practices will now begin at 6:15 PM.

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

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## COMPETITION NEWS & INFORMATION

[Click here for competition schedule](#)

### BC Championships

- Jan 31- Feb 1 in Hanford, CA
- Meet information click [here](#).
- Registration deadline has closed.

### JO Age Group Championships

- February 13-16 in Clovis, CA
- Meet information click [here](#).
- This meet is open to qualified swimmers, time standards click [here](#).
- Registration deadline: Monday, February 2, click [here](#) to register.

## Juanita Allington Memorial Senior Meet

- February 19-22 in Clovis, CA
- Meet information coming soon
- This meet is open to qualified swimmers, time standards click [here](#).

## Senior Sectionals

- February 26-March 1 in Carlsbad, CA
- Meet information coming soon
- This meet is open to qualified swimmers.

## COACH'S CORNER

Hi all,

Thank you for an awesome meet this weekend. It was great to see everyone swim new events and have a good time with their teammates. We are looking forward to BC Champs this weekend!

Entries for Age Group Champs (JOs) are now live on the website. Please register as early as possible. I have a lot of entries to update on my end, so early registration helps a lot. The entry deadline is Monday, February 2nd.

Keep an eye out for an email from me later this week with information on relays and expectations.

Thank you,  
Jackson Buyers

## DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Brazadas Families,

This past weekend's Intrasquad Distance and Sprint Meet was a great opportunity to see our athletes put their training and team values into action. From fun, focused racing to cheering on teammates, our swimmers showed growth, effort, and a strong sense of team. Exactly what these intrasquad meets are designed to build.

These meets also highlight something just as important: swimming is truly a community effort. Thank you to all the families who volunteered their time helping with timing, the meet computer, officiating, and many other behind-the-scenes roles. We truly cannot run

these types of activities without parents generously giving their time and support to make these opportunities possible for our kids.

As mentioned in last week's and this week's newsletters, our goal is to host USA Swimming meets with other teams here next fall. To make that happen, we will need many more helping hands, especially trained officials. Running a full meet requires a lot of people working together, and these intrasquad meets give us valuable experience as we learn how to run them well. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has already stepped in to help and are excited to keep learning and improving as a club.

Good luck to all of our swimmers competing this weekend in Kingsburg at the BC Championships. We are excited to watch you race, represent Brazadas, and continue to grow as athletes and teammates.

Thank you for your continued support and for being such an important part of the Brazadas community.

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.