

# **BRAZADAS BLAST**

## PRACTICE SCHEDULE

[Click here for practice schedule.](#)

Get all required practice gear at our [Brazadas FINIS team store](#). It's built just for us, includes each group's needs, gives you 30% off, and supports the club.

### Practice Schedule Updates

- No practices Thursday, January 1
- Practices resume Friday, January 2. Click [here](#) for the January practice calendar.

## COMPETITION NEWS & INFORMATION

[Click here for competition schedule](#)

### Winter Open

- Jan 10-11 in Clovis, CA
- Meet information click [here](#)
- This meet is open to all Brazadas swimmers
- Click [here](#) to register, deadline is December 31

### Zada Distance & Sprints

- Jan 23-24 in Bakersfield, CA
- Meet information coming soon
- This meet is open to all Brazadas swimmers

## DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Brazadas Families,

As we step into the New Year, I want to thank all of you for closing out 2025 with such positive energy and support. It has been a special couple weeks on deck and a meaningful way to transition from the holidays into what is ahead.

One moment I want to highlight was last Tuesday morning practice. It was truly special to see Coach Ethan and the Minch family organize a Christmas breakfast for the team. Pancakes including chocolate chips, bacon, sausage, and orange juice made for a wonderful surprise. It was great to see and even better to eat. Moments like that capture exactly what makes this team and community so unique.

As we wrap up 2025, it is hard not to reflect on how much has happened in a short time. From the beginning of Brazadas Swim Club in June to the opening of the East Side Aquatic Center in September, this year has been incredibly rewarding. What started as an idea quickly became a team, and then a community. That foundation is something I am deeply proud of and grateful for.

This is only the beginning. There are many steps ahead and so many great things to build together. I am excited for what the New Year will bring and thankful to be taking those next steps with all of you.

Wishing you and your families a happy, healthy, and strong start to the New Year. I look forward to seeing everyone back on deck and continuing to move forward together.

Go Brazadas,

Craig

### Office Hours & Contact:

Office hours closed Thursday, January 1.

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.