

BRAZADAS BLAST

KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Added Home Meet

We will be adding a home meet this March, most likely on Saturday morning, March 14. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for complete details from Coach Jackson.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

[Click here for practice schedule.](#)

Practice Schedule Updates

- Senior Prep will no longer have dryland on Tuesdays and Thursdays through the end of the month. Practice will begin at 5:00pm instead of 4:30pm
- No morning practices for B-Team through the end of the month
- Tuesday, February 17: Bronze and Silver added practices at regular times
- Thursday and Friday, February 19 and 20: B-Team practice from 5:00–6:30pm
- Saturday, February 21: No practices for all groups. Masters practice will still be held from 7:00–8:00am
- Thursday and Friday, February 26 and 27: B-Team practice from 5:00–6:30pm
- Saturday, February 28: No practice all groups (including Masters, no practice)

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

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.

COMPETITION NEWS & INFORMATION

[Click here for competition schedule](#)

Juanita Allington Memorial Senior Meet

- February 19-22 in Clovis, CA
- **UPDATE: The venue for the Juanita Allington Senior Champs will be moved to CLOVIS NORTH HIGH SCHOOL** (from Clovis West).
- More details for the meet to be sent from Coach Jackson.
- Meet information, click [here](#)
- Registration deadline has closed.

Senior Sectionals

- February 26-March 1 in Carlsbad, CA
- Meet information coming soon from Coach Jackson

COMMUNITY NEWS

Thank You to Our Swim Officials

As we continue building toward hosting meets here at East Side Aquatic Center, we want to recognize a few families who are already helping make that vision possible.

A huge thank you to the Haislip, Minch, and Stevens families, who are certified swim officials and have volunteered their time at meets throughout the season, including this past weekend's Age Group Championships. Meets like that simply cannot happen without trained officials on deck.

Because we have certified officials within Brazadas, we've been able to:

- Successfully run our intrasquad meets
- Ensure your swimmers' times officially count
- Participate in the USA Swimming Block Party experience
- Support other teams when we travel

Our long-term goal is to host large championship level meets right here in our community. To make that happen, we will need more and more families stepping into volunteer and officiating roles.

If you have ever considered becoming a swim official, now is a great time. No prior experience is required, training is provided, and Brazadas reimburses required fees.

Interested in learning more? Contact Jason Minch at swimofficialdadcc@gmail.com.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

What a championship weekend for Brazadas!!!

We began on Friday the 13th, and if there were any superstitions in the air, our swimmers erased them quickly. From the very first session it was clear this team came ready to race. Saturday, Valentine's Day, marked Day 2 of competition, and I truly could not have imagined spending it with a better group. There is something special about watching swimmers do what they love, surrounded by teammates who cheer just as hard for one another as they race for themselves. That kind of culture is not accidental.

Throughout the entire meet we saw lifetime best swims, gutsy finishes, and steady composure. Day after day our swimmers showed up ready to compete. That consistency reflects months of preparation, discipline, and trust in the process. Championships reveal what has been built over time, and this team showed exactly who they are.

By the time we wrapped up on Presidents Day, the weather had fully arrived. Wind, cold, steady rain. Not ideal conditions. And yet, our swimmers continued to step behind the blocks with confidence. Even during the final session Monday night, when weather cut things short, what stood out most was how many Brazadas swimmers still wanted to get their races in. That mindset says everything. Tough conditions reveal strong character, and this team showed it.

I am incredibly proud of every group that competed. Each swimmer contributed to the energy and identity of this team. As Director, it means a great deal to see the entire team racing with pride and supporting one another the way you did. I do not take for granted the opportunity to stand on deck with this group. It is a privilege to be your coach.

To our families, thank you. For the cheering. For timing. For officiating. For working the timing table. For setting up tents and breaking down camp. For standing in the rain and wind and still bringing the energy. Championships are team efforts in every sense, and your support makes these experiences possible.

In nearly three decades on deck, this was one of the most rewarding championship experiences I have been part of, not because of any single swim, but because of the collective attitude, resilience, and unity of this team. I am excited for what lies ahead and for many more years of watching Brazadas grow and continue building this swim community together.

Best of luck to our athletes competing this week at the Juanita Allington Memorial Senior Meet. Trust your training and keep the momentum going!

Go Brazadas!!!

Craig

Office Hours & Contact:

Note: Office hours closed Thursday and Friday, February 19 & 20.

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.