

BRAZADAS BLAST

KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Team suits

All Brazadas swimmers are issued a team suit when they join the club. If a swimmer needs a different size or an additional team suit, those can be purchased. We have team suit try-on sizing kits available in the team office, and we are happy to help with fit. One thing to share is that a racing or team suit should fit snug and secure and is not really meant to be comfortable all the time. Please let Coach Jackson or Craig know if you would like to stop by to get fitted or need assistance.

Our team suits are produced through FINIS in partnership with Jolyn, using the same high-quality materials families may already be familiar with.

Tech suits

Tech suits may be purchased through our [FINIS team store](#). We carry both lower-level and higher-level FINIS tech suits and have sample suits available in the team office. Families are welcome to stop by to see them in person and ask questions before purchasing.

All tech suits purchased through the FINIS team store are discounted at least 30% using our team code: `brazadas30`.

As a reminder, Brazadas swimmers who are 12 and under do not wear tech suits at meets. While some suits marketed for 12 and under swimmers may be technically legal under USA Swimming rules, our approach is based on philosophy. Tech suits rely on compression materials and construction features that are not needed at this age. We want the focus to remain on skill development, training, and effort rather than equipment.

Swimmers 13 and over may wear tech suits per coach directives, but they are never required.

Our FINIS team sponsorship

Brazadas has a unique sponsorship with FINIS as our team vendor. This partnership provides our families with a minimum 30% discount on team purchases through our online

store using the code: brazadas30. In addition, FINIS provides a small kickback to the club, which helps support items such as coach and official polos, swim equipment, and program needs at the pool.

What is also unique about this partnership is that FINIS does not require 13 and over swimmers to wear FINIS tech suits. Athletes are free to choose suits from other manufacturers if they have a personal preference. FINIS understands that suit fit and feel can be very individual.

Careful consideration went into selecting FINIS as our partner. Over the years, Craig has worked with Speedo, TYR, Arena, and Nike as a team sponsor, and previously operated a team swim shop in the Chicagoland area, working directly with all major manufacturers. Through nearly three decades of experience with swimwear and equipment, FINIS stood out as the right fit for Brazadas due to their custom team offerings, strong discounts, meaningful club support, ease of use, their partnership with Jolyn, and long-term partnership mindset.

FINIS is also currently working on special custom tech suits for Brazadas, similar to what is seen at the highest levels of the sport. The beginning of this sponsorship has gone very well, and we are excited to continue growing this partnership.

If you have questions about team suits, tech suits, or fit, please reach out or stop by the office. We are always happy to help.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

[Click here for practice schedule.](#)

Practice Schedule Updates

- Monday, February 9: No practices all groups due to holiday.
- Tuesday & Thursday, February 10 & 12: Bronze & Silver added practices at regular times
- Friday, February 13: No AM practice B-Team
- Friday, February 13: No PM practices Bronze, Silver, Gold, Senior Prep – Age Group Championships
- Saturday, February 14: No practices Senior Prep – Age Group Championships

 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](#)

JO Age Group Championships

- February 13-16 in Clovis, CA
- Meet information click [here](#).
- Registration deadline has closed.

Juanita Allington Memorial Senior Meet

- February 19-22 in Clovis, CA
- Meet information, click [here](#)
- This meet is open to qualified swimmers, time standards click [here](#).
- Registration deadline: Monday, February 9
- Click [here](#) to register

Senior Sectionals

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Help Us Build Toward Hosting Meets

As we work toward hosting swim meets at East Side Aquatic Center, we are continuing to grow our team of meet volunteers and swim officials.

We are currently starting small with intrasquad meets and learning the ropes, with the goal of hosting visiting teams in the future. Having trained volunteers and officials is a key part of that process and also allows us to support other teams when we travel.

No prior experience is required. Training is provided, and Brazadas reimburses required fees.

Interested in getting involved? Contact Jason Minch at swimofficialdadcc@gmail.com.

COACH'S CORNER

Hi all!

Our championship meets (Age Group Champs, Juanita, and Sectionals) are just around the corner. I'm incredibly proud of all our athletes and the work they've put in this season, and I can't wait to see what they do at these meets.

A couple of important items to keep in mind as we head into championships:

#1: Relays

If your athlete is entered in a meet, please expect them to swim relays. Relays are extremely important for the team (they score double points) and are also a lot of fun. There's nothing better than racing alongside teammates.

#2: Team Suits for 12 & Under at JOs

All 12 & Under athletes are required to wear their Brazadas team suit at Age Group Champs (JOs). Remember: a suit doesn't make the swimmer; the swimmer makes the suit.

Thanks, as always, for your support. Let's finish the season strong!

Thank you,
Jackson Buyers

DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Brazadas Families,

Congratulations to all of our swimmers who competed at the BC Championships this past weekend. While the drive up and back through the fog was long and challenging, we saw some great racing, strong effort, and a handful of new JO cuts along the way. A big congratulations to those swimmers and to everyone who stepped up and competed with focus and heart.

As we move fully into championship season, please take a moment to review the [practice calendar](#). There have been a few adjustments to the practice schedule to help accommodate the various championship meets and to best prepare swimmers for their respective competitions. This is an exciting time of year that all of our Brazadas swimmers have been working toward. I wish each of you the best of luck, but most importantly, have fun and enjoy the moment.

High school swim and dive season also kicked off last week, and I want to wish all of our Brazadas swimmers who are representing their high schools a great season. High school

swimming is a special experience, one that is all about school pride, community, and team spirit. Years ago, I had the opportunity to coach both boys and girls high school teams, and I still look back on those seasons fondly. I hope each of you enjoys the journey just as much.

Brazadas is always here to support our high school swimmers in any way we can. And to our younger swimmers, one day this will be you representing your school. Keep swimming, keep learning, and keep showing up. Growth takes time, and nothing happens overnight. It is all part of the journey.

Let's go Brazadas. Let's go swimmers. Let's go 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.