

BRAZADAS **BLAST**

KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join Our Summer Rec Team, register [here](#)

Ages 5–18. May 18–July 11. **Early Bird for non-members ends Sunday!** Brazadas members: \$100 add-on. Perfect for all non-JO qualified swimmers.

Equipment Reminder

Now that the season is underway, please make sure your swimmer has all required equipment for practice. Gear lists for White, Navy, and B-Team Divisions are posted, and all items are available through the [Brazadas FINIS Team Store](#).

Team Swag Update

Your swimmer received their initial swag bag, which included two team t-shirts, one team hoodie, and a water bottle.

The second swag bag is expected mid to late May (we're hoping before Memorial Day weekend) as we wait on our custom team suits.

In the second bag, all swimmers will receive a custom team navy suit and two new team caps (new design). Swimmers with the Performance Add-On will also receive an additional custom suit with a special print and two exclusive team tees.

We'll share details soon on free private training sessions and guest passes.

Office Hours Update & Contact

Please note our updated office hours are Monday–Thursday, 1–5pm at East Side Aquatic Center. Feel free to stop by the office during this time, that's what we're here for.

If we miss your call at 661-456-8401, please leave a message. We return calls and emails within 24 hours on weekdays (except meet days).

If you'd like to meet with a coach outside of these hours, simply email us to set up a time. You can always call as well, we're here to help with any questions.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Summer Practice Schedule

The tentative summer schedule for swim team divisions is as follows:

- B-Team (Mon–Sat): 7:00–9:00 AM
- Navy Team (Mon–Sat): 9:00–10:30 AM
- White Team (Mon–Thurs): 5:30–6:30 PM | Friday: 9:00–10:00 AM (LCM)

B-Team and Navy swimmers are expected to attend morning practice as the primary workout. If unable to attend, Rec Team practice (5:30–6:30 PM) or lap swim (5:00–7:00 PM), Monday–Thursday, are available alternatives.

We will continue posting monthly practice calendars as we get closer to each month, which will reflect any adjustments, especially around swim meets.

Schedules

Swim team, Masters, and lap swim are underway for the season! Please continue to check the team calendar for the most up-to-date practice times, changes, and cancellations.

- April Practice Schedule, [click here](#)
- Masters Practice Schedule, [click here](#)
- Lap Swim Schedule, [click here](#)

Please note: The pool will be set up for long course (LCM) on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday mornings through the end of May. Beginning with the summer schedule, LCM will be available Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday mornings.

Masters Reminder

Saturday coached Masters practices are no longer offered this season. However, lap swim is available Saturdays from 7:00–11:00 AM, and all Brazadas Masters swimmers are welcome to swim anytime lap swim is offered.

Additional evening lap swim times will be added once the high school season concludes.

COMPETITION SCHEDULE & INFORMATION

Long course season meet schedule, [click here](#).

Brazadas Block Party

- Saturday, April 26 at East Side Aquatic Center

- Meet fact sheet, [click here](#)
- All swimmers are encouraged to attend, [click here to register](#) (you are emailing Coach Jay to declare your intention to attend).
- Registration closes, Tuesday, April 21

PASEO Block Party

- Saturday, May 2 at Santa Clarita, CA
- Meet fact sheet, [click here](#)
- All swimmers are encouraged to attend. [Click here to register.](#)
- Registration closes, Tuesday, April 21

We've adjusted the meet schedule and are excited about the opportunities ahead. Our focus early in the season is to provide meets that challenge our swimmers while still being accessible for the whole team.

We are considering a Memorial Day weekend meet in Ventura or a meet the following weekend in Paso Robles. Final confirmation will be shared in next week's Brazadas Blast.

We were initially planning to attend the Firecracker meet at Sandpipers in Vegas at the end of June, but based on feedback, we've shifted to a closer meet in Santa Barbara. Our goal is to attend a meet open to all swimmers, with no qualifying standards.

As we move into July, most meets become qualification-based, so we want to take full advantage of early and mid-season racing opportunities. We will also host a Last Chance Qualifier on Friday morning, July 10 at the East Side Aquatic Center ahead of Age Group Champs.

Reminders:

- Block Party meets count as official USA Swimming times. While Brazadas pay USA Swimming to host a block party, they are free to Brazadas members.
- Meet info and our one-page fact sheet will be shared as details are finalized for each meet.
- Entry deadlines are firm, we cannot accept late entries.

If you have questions, please connect with your coach. Event selections are guided by coaches, with final decisions made by the coaching staff.

The season moves fast. Stay on top of deadlines please.

COMMUNITY NEWS

We're Hiring at B-Town Brazadas

Looking for a great job? Join B-Town Brazadas and be part of a fun, active, and growing community built on pride, teamwork, and a commitment to excellence.

Work poolside in a high energy environment, be part of a supportive team culture, build leadership and life skills, and make a real impact as a role model for young athletes.

Open Positions:

- **Assistant Swim Coach:** Help coach and develop swimmers of all ages while contributing to a positive and growing team environment.
- **Deck Coordinator:** Support daily swim school operations, lead on deck, and help create a safe, high-quality experience for families. This is a summer job.
- **Masters Swim Coach:** Lead and grow our Masters program while building a strong and inclusive adult swimming community.
- **Senior Swim Coach:** Work with high school athletes, helping develop performance, leadership, and connections within the community.
- **Swim Teacher:** Teach young swimmers in a fun, safe environment while building confidence and foundational skills. This is a summer job.

View full job descriptions and apply [here](#).

COACH'S CORNER

Hi B-Town Brazadas Swim Club,

I'm excited to share that my first week as Aquatics Program Coordinator is in the books, and we're off to a great start to Long Course season.

All five of our core programs are up and running or in progress:

- Swim School is underway, and we've already seen great feedback from families in the community.
- We've started staffing recruitment, with strong interest so far. If your swimmer or someone you know is interested, please send them our way.
- Masters Swimming is rolling, with consistent attendance and a lot of energy from the group. I'm looking forward to continuing to grow our presence in the Bakersfield community.

- White Team has been a blast this week—I really enjoyed getting to know the swimmers and am excited to see you all compete soon. We've had the chance to swim both long course and short course, and Saturday's 50m setup was especially fun.
- Our Summer Rec Team is in the planning stages, and registration is now open. This is a great opportunity to compete locally alongside 10+ teams in the Kern County area, and we're excited to be part of it this summer.

This first week has really been about getting into a rhythm, supporting our coaching staff, and making sure each program is running smoothly and safely. I've enjoyed being on deck, connecting with swimmers and families, and starting to identify ways we can continue to improve and grow.

Thank you all for the support as I get up to speed—I'm looking forward to building on this momentum in the coming weeks. Also, don't forget our Block Party meet coming up on April 25!

As always, feel free to reach out with any feedback or ideas. I'm looking forward to seeing you all on deck!

Jay

DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Brazadas Families,

It's been great getting back on deck and kicking off our long course season. There's already a lot of positive energy around the pool, and I hope everyone is starting to find their rhythm with the new schedules and routines. We're gearing up for what I believe will be a very fun and successful season.

As we get going, I also want to share that it's very sad to see Coach Jackson preparing to step away. He has been a big part of helping start Brazadas, and we're incredibly grateful for everything he's done for our swimmers and our club. Family comes first, and we fully support him.

That said, we're thankful that Jackson is able to stay on a bit longer than originally planned. As many of you saw in his announcement, he'll now be with us through the end of the high school season, which is especially meaningful for our B-Team swimmers. We're grateful he can continue to guide them through that stretch.

As the season gets underway, we've already welcomed a number of new families to the team and expect more in the coming weeks. Whether you're new or have been with us during our first year, please know our door is always open. We're here to support your swimmer and your family however we can.

Looking ahead, there's also a lot of exciting growth for Brazadas. With the launch of our Swim School and Summer Rec Team, we are taking important steps to build for the future. These programs will help introduce more kids to the sport, create new opportunities to get involved, and continue growing aquatics in our community. It's about building a strong foundation, not just for our team, but for the sport as a whole.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It truly makes a difference every day.

Go Brazadas,
Craig

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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.