BLAST GROUP REQUIREMENT & EXPECTATIONS									
BLAST SWIM GROUPS	TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS	PRACTICE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS (Yards)	MINIMUM MEET ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS	WEEKLY PRACTICE ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS	AGE REQUIREMENTS	CONTEXT/ EXPECTATIONS			
Pre- Team	Freestyle side breathing Backstroke Symmetrical Breaststroke kick	6 x 50s @1:30 All sub 1:00	At least 2 meets per year (As determined by coach)	3 to 5 days	6 to 9	I'm interested in competitive swimming and am still in or interested in other sports.			
Bronze	Kick all Strokes Flip turns Racing starts 100Y Free < 2 minutes	6 x 50's @ 1:20; All sub :52.5	At least 4 meets per year	3 to 5 days	6 to 9	I'm interested in competitive swimming and am still in or interested in other sports.			
Silver	Swim all Strokes Flip turns Race Starts 100Y Free < 1:40	6 x 50's @1:15; All sub 0:40	1 meet per month (when available)	4 to 5 days	7 to 11	I'm interested in competitive swimming and am still in or interested in other sports.			
Gold	All of the above At least 2 National "B" cuts 100Y Free < 1:25	6 x 100's @1:50; All sub 1:40	1 per month (when available) + championship meets (SAG, WAG, JAG and Committee Champs)	4 to 6 days	8 to 12	I am considering making swimming my primary sport.			
Junior Olympic	All of the above At least 2 individual WAG, JAG or SAG cuts 100Y Free < 1:15	6 x 100's @1:30	1 per month (when available) + must attend championship meets (SAG, WAG, JAG, and Committee Champs)	5 to 6 days	8 to 13	I have chosen swimming as my primary sport, and I want to train and compete to become a BLAST Senior Varsity/Pre- National or National Swimmer.			

Senior Varsity	All of the above At least two age 15-16 National BB times 100 Free Time <1:05 (Girls) <58.5 (Boys)	6 x 100's @1:25 (Girls) @1:20 (Boys) (as determined by coach)	1 per month (when available) + must attend championship meets (SAG, WAG, JAG, Sectionals and Committee Champs)	6 to 7 days	11 to 18	I have chosen swimming as my primary sport. I will put in the effort and hard work (without slacking) to achieve my potential to be on Pre-National Group and potentially National Group.
Pre- National	All of the above At least [two] Summer Age Group (SAG) Cuts 100 Free Time <:59 (girls) <:53 (Boys)	6 x 100's @1:15 (Girls) @1:10 (Boys) (As determined by coach)	1 per month (when available) + must attend championship meets (SAG, WAG, JAG, Sectionals and Committee Champs)	All practices made available with one rest day determined by coach	12 to 18	I have chosen swimming as my primary sport. I want to achieve my highest potential in the pool. I am interested in swimming in college.
National	All of the above Minimum of one Sectional Cut or 3 Sectional Bonus cuts 100 Free time <:56 (Girls) <:49 (Boys)	6 x 100's @1:10 (Girls) @1:05 (Boys) (as determined by coach)	1 per month (when available) + championship meets	All practices made available with one rest day determined by coach	13 to 18	I have chosen swimming as my primary sport. I want to achieve my highest potential in the pool. I am interested in swimming in college and at the national level.