

Name: **JONATHAN NUNEZ**

Team/Club: **Patriot Swim Team**

Certification that applicant meets the eligibility requirements and understands/agrees to follow the service requirements as a Metro Rep:

I, Jonathan Nunez, agree to follow the service requirements as a Metro Rep.

A paragraph explaining your background and why you would like to be the Junior Rep.

When I was 8 years old, my parents installed a pool in our backyard and enrolled me in swimming lessons and I was hooked! I joined a swim team and never looked back. It was hard in the beginning, I had to learn the techniques of every stroke and then there was the dreaded swim meets, which I didn't look forward to, because I got disqualified a lot, but continued swimming. I joined the Patriots Swim Team when I was 11 years old and thanks to my coaches, I've become the swimmer I am today. I cannot even start to count how many time our coaches have given us that hard set, something that I think I can't complete, but then I finish it! Swimming has taught me to believe in myself and never doubt I can accomplish anything, I put my mind into. As a swimmer, I've learned how to juggle school, swim, homework and other activities. Swimming has increased my focus and made me the person I am today. I love to cheer on my teammates and I am thrilled when we all achieve our goals. I am committed to swimming and would love and be honored to represent Metropolitan Swimming and would like to work together to make a difference in the younger swimmers. For a lot of us swimming is so much more than just a sport, it is our life. It's not just a hobby or exercise, it had become our lives and it is who we are. Some people may think 8 years old is late to start swimming, but it never too late to start something and success in something you love.

Please identify what you can contribute to the position and something you would like to create or improve on in Metro Swimming while serving your term.

As a Metro Rep, I would love to contribute to and help our younger swimmers. I am organized, responsible and I love to motivate others. There are too many younger kids that cannot swim and I would love to promote the sport. One of my goals is to volunteer and help unprivileged children learn to swim and introduce them to the sport of swimming and in turn introduce them to Metropolitan Swimming. Something else I would like to work on, is changing people's perception of swimming. Swimming is one of the hardest sports and it doesn't get enough recognition. I will also bring fresh ideas to the meetings, as well as sharing my idea of what we the swimmers want. Many of you know me as Nooney and I would love to motivate everyone and will continue to do that while hopefully representing you, as your Junior Metro Rep.