

What is a Meet Marshal?

A Meet Marshal is a meet official whose responsibility is to *maintain safety and order* in the swimming venue and *enforce warm-up procedures*. At Hillenbrand, this includes enforcing our *closed deck policy*. We cannot run a meet without a sufficient pool of male and female Meet Marshalls. Meet Marshalls get front row seats to the action on deck!

- If a person is *acting unsafely, using profane or abusive language, or disrupting the meet*, Marshalls can, with the approval of the Meet Referee, remove that person from the venue.
- Meet Marshalls are required to wear identifying attire (fluorescent vest and volunteer lanyard)
- Meet Marshalls should be friendly and have a smile on their face as they walk throughout the pool venue
- Meet Marshalls are representatives of the club and also the sport of swimming
- The Meet Marshal role is defined in section 102.19 of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations

How do I become a Meet Marshal?

Step 1: Complete the Meet Marshal training module on USA Swimming Website

- **Login to your personal account** at member.usaswimming.org and navigate to the **EDUCATION > Course Catalog > Parent/Volunteer > Meet Marshal** tabs to locate the online Meet Marshal Test Module. Select *View Info* Button. Select *Go To Course*. Select *Launch Course*. Look for link near the bottom that reads **Meet Marshall Training Guide**. Once you have learned the material, navigate back and click the *Let's Get Started* button to take the exam. **You must be logged in to see the course and take the exam.**

Step 2: Submit your Certificate of Completion

- When you have completed the Training Guide, you will take the Meet Marshal test. Download your certificate of completion, and email to the Meet Director at Meets@fordaquatics.org
- Save a copy showing you have successfully passed and share with the AZ Swimming office at registration@azswimming.org
- Meet marshal certifications no longer expire - one and done!

Step 3: Show up to your shift at the Meet 😊

What about other Meet Official roles?

Arizona Swimming is in desperate need of new Meet Officials. **If you volunteer as a Meet Official you are excused from other FORD volunteer requirements.** Officials must work a minimum of four AZ meets per swim year, including all Ford-hosted meets. Ford reimburses officials' annual registration fee and various additional costs. Contact matt@fordaquatics.org if you are interested.