

Become a Swim Meet Volunteer

Volunteers are essential to the success of competitive swimming! Many volunteers are needed to run swim meets. Volunteers can get on deck and participate rather than just sitting on the sidelines!

What types of volunteers are needed for most swim meets?

Volunteer Opportunities Requiring No Previous Experience/Training:

Timer-This position requires the most volunteers and anyone 11 and up can do it! Each lane at a pool typically requires 2-3 timers per lane to ensure accurate timing. Each timer uses a stopwatch and automatic button to record times for the swimmers participating in the meet.

Head Timer-supervises the timers in each lane and assists the timers if there is a timing malfunction.

Marshall-responsible for monitoring the behavior of swimmers during warm-ups and on deck to ensure safety and to ensure everyone in the facility is following the facility rules

Runner-collect timer sheets and bring to Meet Management, post results, transport other documents between meet workers

Hospitality-help with the snacks, drinks, meals provided to coaches and officials working a swim meet; may include setting up food, making pickups and drop-offs, etc.

Please contact your club's Volunteer Coordinator or contact person for more information!

Volunteer Opportunities Requiring Previous Experience/Training:

Official-Officials are volunteers who ensure the meet runs smoothly and in accordance to USA Swimming rules. They must complete a USA-S registration, criminal background check, athlete protection course, and concussion course as well as completing apprenticeship and evaluation before being certified by Ozark Swimming. This is a very rewarding and necessary position that is not as complicated as it sounds! There are positions on both the "wet" and "dry" side.

For more information please visit the Officials page on www.ozarkswimming.com or contact Ozark Officials Coordinator Bill Rener at billrener@gmail.com.