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In order to successfully run a swim team program and offer the best possible season to our swimmers, parent volunteer participation is crucial. It truly “takes a village” to make each meet a success! Our goal is to have the majority of parents volunteer throughout the season. It is a great way to meet other parents as well as support your swimmers who work so hard at practice. Our veteran parents are always happy to help new parents learn how to volunteer at each position so don’t hesitate to jump in and learn something new! Shadowing is strongly encouraged!

Home meets require a minimum of ~50 volunteers to run the meet smoothly. At home meets, our parent volunteers officiate, time and support at the snack stand.

Away meets require a minimum of ~30 volunteers, primarily to time and officiate.

USA Swim meets require additional parent volunteers. If your swimmer is participating, you will be asked to support a position for the team.

Please note: If you are signed up to volunteer at an event and are no longer able to fulfill that need, please email the PVC at DoylestownPVC@ymcaRiverCrossing.org ASAP so we can work to fill the position.

CBR 2024-2025 Volunteer Positions Available

<u>Deck Parent</u>	Organize and line up the swimmers for their races, tell them the heat and lane for their event.
<u>Timer</u>	On the pool deck behind the blocks using a watch (or other timing device such as a Dolphin timer and/or plunger) to capture the time of the swimmer in your lane and record it.
<u>BullPen Check In</u>	Organizes the swimmers into their lanes on the pool deck.
<u>Runner</u>	Collects all timers sheets, Place Judge sheets, Disqualification slips, all of which are handed into the Administrative Official at the Scores table.
<u>Place Judge</u>	Record the place of the swimmers as they touch the wall for each heat. This position is a back up to the timing system as well as the record of place from the Deck Referee. This position is not part of the Officials and does not require training.
<u>Snack bar set up</u>	This position will require arriving earlier than the start of the meet to help set up and organize the snack bar and all of the goodies

<u>Snack bar clean up</u>	Clean up the snack bar at the end of the meet by disposing of trash and storing items for the next meet.
<u>Snack bar donation</u>	Throughout the season, the team may request donations such as ice, snacks, napkins, and beverages in support of raising money for the team through snack bar sales.
<u>Snack Bar attendant/worker-</u>	Responsible for the point of sale of goods at the snack bar and can step away to watch your child swim throughout the meet.

Volunteer Positions that Require Training

Computer Operator	Must be certified - this is the dry side of the meet - loading the meet program, verifying that the heats are full and seeded correctly, and help capture electronic times.
Stroke & Turn Official	Must be certified; an official who determines the legality of swimmers' strokes and disqualifies those who do not conform to the rules of the applicable stroke.
Starter	Must be certified via training; this position is responsible for starting each heat and calling the next heat to the blocks.
Deck Referee	Must be certified; this official has the authority over all other officials at the meet, makes all final decisions and sees to the efficient running of the meet.
Administrative Official	Must be certified; part of the dry side of the meet. Works with all officials, meet manager, computer operator to ensure all paperwork is complete for the meet. The AO is also responsible for researching and resolving any timing resolutions that are needed as well as ensuring all equipment is working as expected to ensure a successfully run meet.