

# SSC Swim Meet Volunteer Opportunities

**Swim Officials** - Maine Swimming strongly encourages and will soon require every club hosting a meet to supply ALL of their own meet officials. All officials must be registered with USA swimming and pass a background check. Bonus: skip admission fees and lines and avoid sitting in hot, crowded stands.

**Level 1 - Stroke and Turn** - Observe swimmers and ensure they are complying with USA swimming rules and regulations. Minimum of 2 ST officials required to run a meet but more are preferred. Requirements include taking a 4 hr clinic, passing a test and completing 4 sessions of job shadowing.

**Level 2 - Starter** - The starter, in conjunction with the meet ref, is responsible for keeping the meet running smoothly. They man the buzzer and microphone to signal the start of each race and observe all starts for infractions. Requirements include experience as a ST official, 4 hr clinic, passing a test and completing mentoring sessions.

**Administrative Official** - Manage the timing table and certify all times. Requirements include attending a training clinic, passing required tests and mentoring for 4 sessions.

**Meet Referee** - Ultimately responsible for the running of the meet. Requirements include meeting level 1 and 2 requirements, attending training clinics, passing required tests and apprenticing with other meet referees

## Other jobs

**Safety Marshall** - one of the easiest jobs on the list. The SM must show up ~30 mins before the start of session warm ups. Spectators are not allowed in the pool area until the SM arrives. You are stationed by the entrance to the pool and ensure spectators and swimmers are abiding by pool rules and regulations. Bonus, you get to wear a fancy orange vest! No training necessary.

**Lane Timer** - Timers act as the backup to the electronic timing system. Two timers per lane are needed to run the meet. Requirements: must be 11yrs old and attend a timers briefing prior to the session. Experience not required but be prepared to get a little wet.

**Head Timer** - Run the timers briefing, supervisor the timers and start back up watches at the beginning of each race. Previous experience as a timer is required.

**DQ Runner** - Manage the flow of disqualification slips from meet officials to the meet ref, timers table and finally to head coaches. No experience necessary but being able to walk around the pool and not fall in is a bonus.

**Announcer** - Be our meet emcee. Sit at the timer's table, announce each event and play the national anthem at the start of each session. Should be comfortable speaking into a microphone. Prior knowledge of how a swim meet flows is helpful.

**Admissions** - Show up 30mins prior to the start of warm ups. Man the admission table, answer questions and be the face of our club. No experience necessary.