

RIPTYDE VOLUNTEER NEEDS & JOB DESCRIPTIONS

WE WILL NEED PARENT VOLUNTEERS AT EACH SWIM MEET

Sign ups for volunteer positions are posted on the team's webpage. Please plan to help at one meet each week. It takes a lot of people to keep a meet running smoothly behind the scenes and we want our coaches to be able to focus on helping the swimmers at meets. Swim Meets will not start until these positions are filled. On the meet signups, extra slots are listed so parents may share shifts – many hands make light work!

AWAY MEETS & LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

- Stroke Judge
- Finish Judge
- Timers
- Clerk of Course
- Ribbon Labelers to apply labels to ribbons at practice day after the swim meet (day of at League Championship)

HOME MEETS

- Referee
- Starter
- Stroke Judge
- Finish Judge
- Timers
- Scoring operator (using Swimmingly (formerly Meet Central) software – easy to learn)
- Clerk of Course
- Ribbon Labelers to apply labels to ribbons at practice day after the swim meet

DESCRIPTION OF POSITIONS:

- **Referee:** Presides over procedures meeting prior to meet; assigns responsibilities to judges; handles appeals and settles disputes. Decisions are final.
- **Starter:** Starts each event: calling swimmers to the blocks (backstrokers to the water); announces the event; states "take your mark" and then sounds starter.
- **Stroke Judge:** Must have attended judge training session. Judge should raise arm to indicate infraction, then fill out and submit DQ details via Swimmingly app.
- **Finish Judge:** Working as team with Finish Judge from other team, note order of finish of each race.
- **Timer:** Attends procedures meeting prior to start of meet and have downloaded the Swimmingly timing app onto smartphone or use extra team phone. Timers verify the swimmer in their lane is in the correct heat/lane. Timers should stop the timing app clock when any part of the swimmer's body touches the wall. Timer's job is timing only—not responsible for calling false starts, improper touches, turns or finishes, or any other stroke infractions
- **Scoring Operator:** Operates Swimmingly scoring system. Generates award labels file and sends to Head Coach.
- **Clerk of Course:** Lines up swimmers in entry order by events, heat, and lane assignment; assures swimmers know event, heat and lane; has swimmers lined up behind blocks and ready when starter calls for them.
- **Ribbon Labeler:** After labels are printed, at next swim team practice, peels and sticks labels to ribbons and helps sort as needed for distribution to swimmers.