

YNS Meet Volunteering Overview

Why Volunteer at YNS Home Meets?



- Support your swimmer and the team as a whole
- Get to know other parents and help build a strong, inclusive team culture
- Gain better understanding/appreciation for competitive swimming
- YNS home meets are critical to the development and growth of the team...and we cannot host meets without you!
 - All YNS swimmers can participate at our home meets not always the case for "away" meets
 - Provide an important revenue stream that funds team operations i.e., reduces reliance on tuition and fees paid by families



Summary Table of Meet Jobs (Updated Jan 2024)

Job	# of Positions	Arrival Time	Duration	Location	Description
Parking Monitors	1 or 2 Only needed for certain sessions	30 minutes before warm-up	60-90 min	Parking Lot	Help direct attendees to offsite parking
Swimmer Arrival	1	30 minutes before warm-up	60-90 min	Lobby Outside Locker Room	Direct arriving swimmers and spectators as they arrive at the facility before the meet starts
Safety Monitors	3-5	At Warm-Up Start	2-4 hours	Bleachers, On Deck, Fitness Floor	 Ensure swimmers and spectators are adhering to USA Swimming and facility rules and policies Relatively passive job
Head Timer/Runner	1	1 hour before session start	2-4 hours	On Deck	Run timer's meeting before meet starts; collecting timing sheets after each event; liaison between officials and timers
Hospitality	1	1 hour before session start	2-4 hours	Lobby & On-Deck	Ensure hospitality room is organized and stocked for officials/coaches; periodically deliver drinks to on-deck staff
Lane Timers	8 or 16 Depending on Meet/Session	30 minutes before session start	2-4 hours	On Deck	Run stopwatch and record times for swimmers in your assigned lined
Back-Up Timers	1 or 2	30 minutes before session start	2-4 hours	On Deck	Run back-up stopwatches to support lane timers
Livestream Announcer	1	15 minutes before session start	2-4 hours	On Deck (office)	Live out your dreams of broadcasting live sports while sitting in an air-conditioned office, poolside
Awards Heat winner prizes, Ribbons	Up to 3 Only needed for certain meets	15 minute before session start	2-4 hours	On Deck, Café Area	Hand out and organize awards
Clean Up	Up to 3	30 minutes before session end	30-45 min	Various	Help collect trash, put away meet equipment after sessions/meet
Floater/On Call	As needed	1 hour before session start	2-4 hours	Lobby, On Deck	Fill in gaps as they arise during the meet

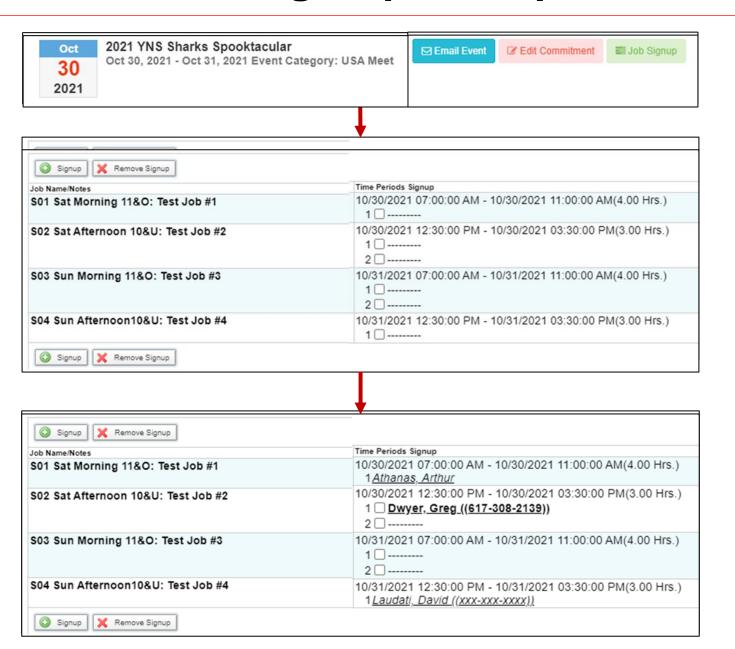
- Meet-specific information & sign-up link will be provided ~2 weeks prior to the meet
- Volunteering should not prevent you from watching your child swim!
 - For jobs based outside of the pool area, every effort will be made to ensure coverage of your assigned job during your child's race(s), upon request



Meet Job Sign Up

- All YNS hosted meets will take place at the Sterling YMCA (Beverly)
- YNS hosted meets can range from one to three days in length
- Each meet day is usually split into multiple sessions based on age group (i.e., 13 & over, 12 & under)
- Job sign up is based on individual sessions
- Guidelines for job sign-up:
 - If your child is swimming, you are **required** to work a meet job
 - Individual circumstances will always be considered please communicate if you are unable to work at a meet
 - The team reserves the right to scratch a swimmer from the meet if their parent/guardian does not sign-up for a job AND does not communicate

Volunteer Sign Up Example



- Click on green "Job Signup" for meet on Team Events page
- 2) Select job you are interested in
 - Take note of session, date, and time of your job
- 3) Click "Signup"
 - Enter contact phone or email when prompted
- 4) All Set!



Meet Operations Volunteers



Officiating

- Enforce rules related to stroke technique, starts, and turns
- Training/certification is required through New England Swimming
- Contact David Siedzik (<u>davidsiedzik@gmail.com</u>) if interested

Timer/Scorers Table

- Organize and record results of meet
- Operate and troubleshoot electronic timing system
- Training is required through team administration
- Contact Brian Chemel (<u>bchemel@gmail.com</u>) if interested



Timing Job Descriptions

Head Timer/Runner

- Organize activities related to timing and run the presession timer's meeting
- Act as on-deck intermediary between officials and lane timers, as needed
- Collect and collate event sheets once they are complete and deliver them to timing table
- Post event results, as needed
- Other miscellaneous jobs on-deck, as needed

Lane Timers

- One per lane on deck throughout session
 - May have two shifts for longer sessions
- Time and record for each heat in all events in session.

Back-Up Timer(s)

- Start watch(es) at event start
- Swap watches with lane timer in the event they fail to start their watch





Timing Equipment and Lane Timer Operations

Stopwatch (all timers)



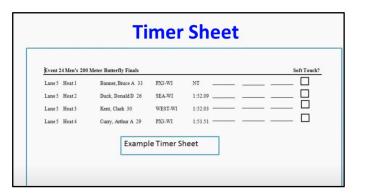
- Lane timers & back-up timers start watch w/ each event
- Lane timers stop when swimmer visibly touches wall
- Reset watch between events
- Lane timer will be given 2 watches so the can alternate heats

Plunger (1 timer per lane)



- One per lane; directly connected to electronic timing system – timer does not need to press at the start!
- Timer will press when swimmer visibly touches the wall

Timing Sheets (1 timer per lane)

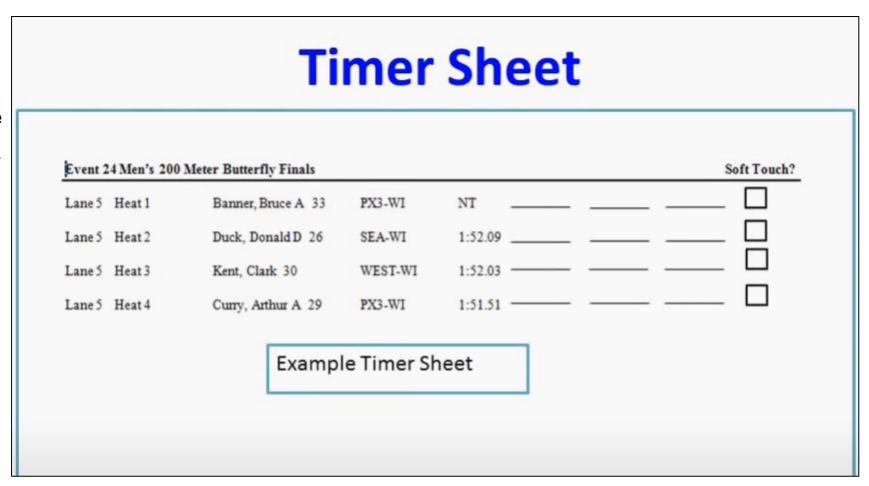


- Lane timer will record times of both timers on timing sheet
- · See next slide for more info



Timing Sheet Example

- Check swimmers in before race
- Communicate to official if you have a swimmer missing or in the wrong lane
- Mark "NS" if swimmer does not showup for heat
- Stopwatch time should be recorded after each heat
- Record time to the hundredth of a second (e.g., 1:50.89)
- Check "Soft Touch" if swimmer does not strike touch pad effectively
- Runner will collect timer sheets once they are complete





Questions?

Contact your site lead coach and/or members of the PAC







