

Whittier Riptides Swim Team Volunteer Position Descriptions

The Riptides participate in 5 swim meets per season. For volunteer positions, each meet is broken into 2 halves (first half and second half). As a family, you can serve as a volunteer during 4 of these 10 potential opportunities or work a combination of 8 hours for the team. There will be many opportunities available on a weekly basis.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Please remember as part of your registration process, you committed to provide a minimum of 8 volunteer hours supporting meets or social events. If this commitment is not met by July 20, 2024 then you will be charged a fee of \$150.00.

Concessions- 2 per meet half:

Concessions are fundraisers for our team. We have a concession stand open at our two home meets. As a concession volunteer, you will post prices, collect money and maintain the stock of food and beverages throughout the meet.

Safety Marshal- 1 per meet half:

The team safety marshal will wear the provided team vest while performing the following duties: walking through the bathrooms checking for cleanliness, reporting maintenance needs to a lifeguard or team rep, monitoring the area around the pool for compliance, ensuring safety for all swimmers and their families and helping to monitor and remind guests that the use of cameras while behind the starting blocks is prohibited. The safety marshal will immediately report any issues to the team reps.

Head Timer- 1 per meet half:

The Head timer meets with all the lane timers prior to the meet to make sure everyone has a working stopwatch and they understand their role. During the meet, the Head Timer makes sure all timers are ready at the beginning of each heat/event and signals the Starter that they are ready. Head Timers use two watches during each heat/event to serve as backup devices should any of the timers' watches fail.

Timer- 9 per meet half:

Timers time each heat/event. They are responsible to make sure they have a working stopwatch. Typically there are 3 timers per lane. One of these timers is responsible for writing down the times of all three watches for every heat/event, even if a swimmer is disqualified. The timers will also check the name of the EVERY swimmer against the name listed on the score sheet prior to the start of the heat/event to make sure the correct swimmer is in the correct lane. The timer

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starts their stopwatch when the start horn sounds and stops their watch when the swimmer completes the event by touching the wall.

Runner-1 per meet half:

The timers will be recording each swimmer's times on a preprinted time sheet. At the completion of each event, runners collect the completed timesheets from the timers and take them to the scoring table under the team IT tent.

Heat Ribbon Distributor-1 per meet half:

This volunteer hands out heat ribbons to the heat winner of each event during home meets.

Scorer's Table- 1 per meet half:

We need volunteers to help the IT coordinator keep scores and run reports during the meet.

Clerk of Course - 2 per meet half:

The clerk of course helps identify all swimmers for upcoming events, put swimmers in their correct heat groups and in their correct lane order. The clerk of course volunteers help keep order while swimmers are waiting for their events.

Ribbon Writer- 1 per meet:

This volunteer is needed at mid meet until slightly after the meets completion to make sure the ribbons are ready with name stickers. This position can be done on deck or some like to take this home to finish up there.

50/50 Raffle - 1 per meet:

This bubbly volunteer sells our 50/50 raffle tickets during home meets. We sell tickets for \$1.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for an arms length. A ticket number is called around mid-meet.

Hospitality Volunteer- 1 per meet half:

This volunteer is needed during home meets to monitor our on deck volunteers to provide water as needed or coverage while they take a quick break.

Meet Officials- 2 judges per meet half plus one starter that works both halves:

All meet officials (starter, referee and stroke and turn judges) are certified through an FSSL Clinic prior to the season start. Dates will be posted as soon as they are available. Officials must

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know the rules set by the FSSL and apply them consistently. The Starter announces and signals the start of each heat/event using an electronic starting system. The Referee oversees the other officials and timers, and has the final say in any disqualification disputes. The Referee and Starter work together to ensure fair starts for each heat/event. Stroke and Turn judges are responsible for watching all dives, turns, strokes and finishes for every heat/event, identifying rule infractions and clearly articulating them as disqualifications. We are always encouraging parents to become certified as a judge (this takes a quick 2 hour session) to support the team as well as become more knowledgeable about the sport.

Full Time Volunteer Positions (open up each year and last the whole season):

These positions are filled for this swim season but please let us know if you are interested in filling a position for next year.

Team Reps- Kelly Smith and Tami Skinner

Treasurer- Vincent Poska

IT Coordinators - Please contact whittierriptideswimteam@gmail.com for this position.