

2025 Greenwyche Gators Swim Meet Volunteer Positions

Greenwyche Gators Swim Team relies on parents to assist with running the swim meets. This includes meet officials and stroke and turn judges. Please consider volunteering to become a meet official! It is easy to do and is critical for our team. Our volunteer opportunities will be made available on TeamUnify which is the same place you will register your swimmer for meets.

If you are interested in getting a certification for an official position, please go to <http://swimrcsl.org/officiating.htm> for more information. Greenwyche Swim Team will reimburse you for any fees associated with your certification. Send an email to fastgators@gmail.com to get set up!

Deck Training for Stroke and Turn Judges is just around the corner. We need several new volunteers to get certified and this position does require additional on-site training that is coming up SOON! Please help the swim team and attend Deck Training and get your certification!

5/14 Mountain Springs at 5:30 PM

5/19 Piedmont at 5:30 PM

5/21 Mt. Carmel at 5:30 PM

Below is description of the positions required to run each meet.

- 1 **Referee** provided by the HOME team
 - **Does require a certification.**
 - The Referee is the lead official responsible for ensuring the competition is conducted fairly and according to the rules set by RCSL.
 - Signal the start of each race – After confirming the swimmers and officials are ready, the referee will give a hand signal to the starter
 - Watch for rule infractions and ensure all swimmers and officials follow the rules
 - Handle any disputes or protests and makes the final decision
 - Ensure the pool is safe and orderly
- 1 **Starter** provided by the HOME team
 - **Does require a certification.**
 - The starter at a swim meet is the official responsible for getting each race started fairly. Here's what the starter does:
 - **Takes control after the referee's signal** – Once the referee blows the whistle and gives the hand signal, the starter takes over.

- **Gets swimmers ready** – They say “Take your mark,” and make sure all swimmers are still and ready.
 - **Starts the race** – When everyone is set, the starter activates the starting signal (a beep or horn, often with a light).
 - **Watches for false starts** – If a swimmer leaves early, the starter can call a false start and have the heat restarted if needed.
 - **Ensures fairness** – The starter makes sure no swimmer is disadvantaged at the start due to positioning, distractions, or noise.
- **2 Stroke and Turn judges** provided by the HOME team and 1 judge provided by the VISITOR team
 - **Does require a certification.**
 - A stroke & Turn judge (watches swimmers during the race to make sure they are using the correct stroke technique and watching swimmers as they approach, touch, and push off the wall during turns and at the finish following the rules. Here's what they do:
 - **Watch stroke technique** – They make sure swimmers are using the proper form for each stroke (freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly).
 - **Monitor turns** – They make sure swimmers perform legal turns for their stroke (e.g., touch with two hands in breaststroke and butterfly).
 - **Watch finishes** – They ensure swimmers finish the race correctly according to the rules.
 - **Call rule violations** – If a swimmer breaks a rule (like using an illegal kick or not touching with both hands in breaststroke), the judge reports it.
- **2 each Place Judges** provided by the HOME team
 - A place judge has the best seats in the house, sits pool side, and calls out the order of finish to the SCRIBE.
 - **Watch the finishes closely** – They visually judge and record the finishing place of each swimmer in a heat.
 - **Work as a backup** – Place judges are often used as a backup in case of timing errors.
 - **Report placements** – They report their observations to the Scribe.
 - **Stay consistent and alert** – They must be very focused to spot close finishes accurately.
- **2 Scribes** provided by the HOME team

- Each scribe will be seated next to a place judge and will write down the results of the finishes as determined by the place judge.
- 1 **Runner** provided by the HOME team
 - The Runner will collect all the timing slips, DQ slips, and place judge slips at the end of each heat and deliver to the scoring table for processing.
 - This position is active and will require you to be on your feet.
- 6 **Lane Timers** provided by the HOME team
 - A timer at a swim meet is responsible for accurately recording each swimmer's time during their race. Here's what a timer does:
 - **Start the stopwatch** – When the starting signal goes off, the timer immediately starts the watch.
 - **Stop the watch at the finish** – As soon as the swimmer touches the wall at the end of the race, the timer stops the watch.
 - **Record the time** – They write down the swimmer's time on a timing sheet or report it to the head timer, depending on the meet setup.
 - **Check in swimmers** – Before the race starts, timers often confirm each swimmer's name and lane.
- 1 **Head Timer** provided by the HOME team
 - The head timer is the leader of the timing team at a swim meet, making sure all the lane timers are supported and the timing runs smoothly. Here's what they do:
 - **Start backup stopwatches** – For every race, the head timer starts two watches in case a lane timer's watch fails or they miss the start.
 - **Jump in to help** – If a timer has an issue (misses the start, stopwatch fails, etc.), the head timer quickly steps in and provides a working stopwatch.
 - **Keep things moving** – The Head Timer will fill in if a timer needs a break.
- 4 **Scoring Table Workers** provided by the HOME team
 - Scoring table workers are the behind-the-scenes brains of the swim meet—they handle the results, times, and paperwork to keep the meet official and organized. They also get the BEST seats in the house! Here's what they do:
 - **Record and verify times** – Add up / document the scores according to the order of finish to reconcile with the scorers computer.
 - **Enter results into the computer** – For meets using swim software (like Meet Manager), they enter all results for scoring and awards.
 - *Helpful to have experience or training in Meet Manager*
- 2 **Ribbons workers** from the HOME team and 2 Ribbons workers from the Visiting Team
 - Ribbons workers handle the fun and rewarding part of the swim meet—getting the awards ready for the swimmers! Here's what they do:

- **Sort ribbons** – They organize ribbons by event, heat, place, and swimmer.
- **Label ribbons** – Using results from the scoring table, they write or attach labels with the swimmer's name, event, and time.
- **Distribute ribbons** – They place ribbons into team folders, mailboxes, or designated pickup spots for swimmers.

Visiting team has the option of providing 1 stroke judge, 1 turn judge, 1 place judge, and 1 relay take-off judge, and 1 scorer. These officials will judge the home team during the meet.

OTHER Volunteer Positions

Gator Wrangler – You will make sure the kids in your assigned group stay in their designated area and are ready for their race when the coach calls them.

- 1 each: 6U Girls Round UP
- 1 each: 6U Boys Round UP
- 1 each: 8U Girls Round Up
- 1 each: 8U Boys Round Up
- 1 each: 10U Girls Round Up
- 1 each: 10U Boys Round Up

HEAT Winner Awards

- 1 each - The winner of each heat will get a prize. Carry a basket and hand it to the 1st place winner of each heat as they get out of the pool!

Decorations & Set Up

- 3 each – Help decorate the pool during home meets and get the tables, chairs, and other supplies ready before warm ups!

Merchandise

- 2 each - Help manage the Greenwyche Merchandise table. Organize Merch and manage the sell (Venmo).
 - Merch Workers may leave the table to watch their child swim!

Concessions

- **1 each - Head Concession** – Shop and Ensure enough food / drink supplies for the meet, make sure we have volunteers for other concession positions
- **2 each Grill Masters** – Cook burgers and hot dogs

- **5 each concession workers** – Help wrap burgers and hot dogs, make sure supplies is organized and payments are received (venmo / Cash).
- **1 each ICE man** – provide ice to coolers prior to start of the meet
- Concession workers may leave the concessions to watch their child swim!

Clean UP Crew

- 4 each – Help clean up and pack up after the meet

VOLUNTEER BREAKDOWN:

- If you are a numbers person, the SCORING TABLE is for you
- If you are a mover, the RUNNER job is for you.
- If you like front row seats to the action, TIMING, PLACE JUDGE OR SCRIBE is for you. BUT you have to pay attention!!
- If you are an organizer, RIBBONS is for you.
- If you can get kids to listen to you and your child wants you close by, GATOR WRANGLER is for you.
- If you like staying on the sidelines and watching when your child is up, CONCESSIONS / MERCHANDISE is for you.

You will never have to miss your child swim in any volunteer position! We will always fill in as needed or have enough people in place for you to take a break.