

Duties of the Safety Marshall

The Safety Marshall should:

- arrive to the meet session prior to warm-ups
- don an orange vest found at the computer table
- sign the appropriate volunteer sheet
- let the meet ref and/or the meet director know you are there
- Should find out if there is a lifeguard or pool manager on site (this is usually the case)
- remain on deck at all times during meet warm-ups in visible view
- ensure that swimmers adhere to warm-up policies – in most cases this means no diving or jumping into warm-up lanes – the swimmer should enter the water by sliding into the pool (check the meet information)
- be a reference person in case of medical emergency – know location of back boards and AED, Can access 911 in case of emergency
- is not a lifeguard – all coaches are trained in CPR, and first aid
- should monitor public areas in addition to the pool deck – this means restrooms, upper deck of JAC, lobby area, break area, outside yard during warm weather meets on a rounding basis
- manage crowd control – monitor upper deck crowds especially during meets where observers are standing at the rail – ask them to be seated
- may be asked to dry wet areas of the upper deck or stairs for safety
- Communicate with pool staff in the event there is a restroom problem – plumbing, etc or any issues with the facility
- may be asked to place cones in certain areas of the pool deck, depending on the meet
- may be asked to ask persons for their USA swimming credentials on the pool deck depending on the meet
- Should monitor unruly behavior of swimmers and spectators and contact appropriate personnel if behavior continues – this usually is the meet director or meet ref or maybe the swimmer's coach. Should know who has authority to dismiss spectators or swimmers from a meet in the event of unruly behavior