

Local Swim Meet Officials - The following is a brief description of the volunteer positions required to run a swim meet for your information:

Referee

This person oversees all officiating at the meet. They are the highest qualified and certified official on deck. They have the final say in all matters dealing with rules and regulations of a sanctioned swim meet. Must attend clinic to perform this job.

Starter

This official is in charge of signaling the beginning of a race and insuring that all swimmers start legally. Coordinates with Head Timer and Clerk of Course. Must attend clinic to perform this job.

Console Operator

This person operates the electronic timing system during the meet. Can learn this function by shadowing at least twice.

Computer Operator

This person ensures that the race results for each swimmer are correctly transferred and recorded from the console and printed (labels are printed for meets where ribbons are awarded). They are also responsible for deck entries and/or scratches and any resulting reseeding of heats for the meet. Can learn to perform this position by shadowing at least twice.

Clerk of Course

A critical official who coordinates with the coaches and swimmers to line up each swimmer by event and lane according to the meet entry sheet. Must attend clinic to perform this job.

Strokes and Turns

One of 2 officials positioned on each side of the pool that walks the length of the course as the swimmers race in each heat. If this official sees something illegal in a swimmer's stroke or turn, the official records the observation on a Disqualification (DQ) card. Must attend clinic to perform this job.

Chief Timekeeper

This person starts two stop watches with every single heat during the meet. They are to use those watches as a back up for each timer. Must attend clinic to perform this job.

Announcer

This person makes announcements as necessary throughout the meet, and keeps a steady supply of music going to set the mood. This position requires no formal training.

Ribbons

This job involves taking the labels produced by the Computer Operator, and affixing the labels to various ribbons. This position requires no formal training.

Time Keepers

These people volunteer to be lane timers for the entire meet. They receive training from the chief timekeeper on how to time before each meet begins. This position requires no formal training.

Records

This person reviews the results of each event to determine if an age-group record has been broken. For each record identified, a standard set of documentation is assembled. Can learn this function by shadowing at least twice.