

Duties of the Safety Marshall – FAST

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 EPIC, 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 other safety marshals during the meet to ensure adequate visibility (one can be rounding while one is on the deck, if both marshals are on the deck, plan to cover different areas of the pool)
- Communicate with pool staff in the event there is a restroom problem – plumbing etc or other issues with the facility
- may be asked to rope off certain areas of the pool deck with caution tape, 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 swimmers coach. Should know who has authority to dismiss spectators or swimmers from a meet in the event of unruly behavior
- Should be familiar with CSI safety marshal duties and any special information listed in the meet information
- In the event of an emergency or incident, should assist the meet director in filling out any appropriate incident reports (the meet director has access to these forms)
- Is not expected to assist in other areas of meet operation depending on meet, primary role is to be a visible reference for immediate assistance.
- Should remain at the pool until the last swimmer is out of the pool warming down after the last race. If swimmers remain in the water replacing lane lines etc. the safety marshal should inform the meet director of his/her departure and have another person wear the vest during lane line replacement, meet tear-down etc.