

## **Things We Do At A Meet**

### **What is a head timer?**

This is a person who organizes the watch timers, assuring that there are the correct number of timers per session, making sure that each timer understands how to use the watch, how and when to use the pickle, and how to document the time. The head timer also starts two back up watches at the start of each heat in case someone's watch did not go off correctly.

### **What is a timer and do you need experience?**

This is a job that ANY parent can do!!! You need no experience. You just need to learn how to press the start and stop button on a stop watch. For those of us who like to have something to do – this is the job for you. At every meet, timers are ALWAYS needed. So step up and volunteer! You get the best seat in the pool!

### **What is a runner?**

A runner is the person who picks up the timing slips from each lane after the last heat of each event and takes them to the computer table for entry.

### **Why is 8 and under seating important?**

As a very young swimmer, sometimes they don't know where to go, what heat, what lane - still a tough concept for these little guys. They need to be hand held and led to their event behind the blocks so they don't miss their event. It is too crowded for parents to do this and it becomes too confusing

### **What is a meet marshal?**

Basically the meet marshal observes warm up, and it is a CSI regulation that they are on deck with a bright orange vest highly visible at the pool side for safety purposes. They also must carry a non-athlete card. If you interested in this job, let the board know ASAP to get your card..

### **What does the announcer do?**

The announcer announces all events as they come up, to help swimmers know when and what event are coming up, also relays general announcements for information etc..plays music, a fun job!!

### **What do I do for hospitality?**

We provide food and drink to coaches/staff/officials during the meet. We carry around drinks and food on a regular basis to keep the staff well hydrated and focused. We also serve them lunch. Hospitality also requires a donation of food items from each family to help defray the cost. We usually post what we need and let you know what to bring.

### **What is this raffle basket deal?**

Another fund raiser. We have a raffle license and we use it. Each swimming family is responsible for putting together a theme basket to raffle off during the meet. This has

been fun and profitable. Often two families will combine to do a basket, making this project even more fun. We sell tickets during the meet and draw during the meet for winners. Parents have done an awesome job on these baskets. Some of the themes have been, barbeque basket, coffee basket, chocolate basket, swim basket, Finding Nemo basket etc Its fun!

**What is set up and take down?**

We need ALL parents to assist us with these tasks. At the end of the meet on Sunday, everyone is tired. Everyone would just like to go home, but we need you to help clean up and return the pool to its public face for Monday morning.