

Ozark Swimming, Inc.
Policy re: Timers at meets
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Timers Are Provided by Host Teams for All Meets

It is the responsibility of the hosting clubs to provide timers for their meets, including all Ozark Championship Meets. Host clubs may not insist that clubs attending their meet provide a certain number of timers. Hosting clubs are expected to provide two timers per lane. The number of officials that the host club is providing per session may be subtracted from this total number. For example, if you are using a six-lane pool, then the host clubs should provide a total of twelve timers and officials. If you are using an eight-lane pool, then the host clubs should provide a total of sixteen timers and officials.

The only two exceptions to the rule involve distance swims. The host team provides one timer per lane at a distance meet, and the swimmer would provide the other timer. If a distance event is swum at the end or the beginning of a session in a regular meet, the host team provides one timer per lane at a distance meet, and the swimmer would provide the other timer.

Clubs should make every attempt possible to fill all timing positions with their own club members. If the club knows before the meet that they will not have enough timers, they should attempt to fill those vacancies before the meet. Arrangements can be made with another team to fill those positions by sharing in the meet profits or by paying the team a set amount of money that is agreed upon by the teams before the meet. You may set up a bartering arrangement with another team where you agree to provide the same number of timers at their meet, or you could make an arrangement with a service organization. Please note that timers must be at least eleven years of age.

If a club is unable to fill all positions at the start of the meet, help may be requested from spectators to fill the positions. Host clubs must fill all positions in a timely manner; the meet's start should not be delayed. You may not call for help from specific clubs; this would just be a general call for timers.