

Gulliver Swim Club

Volunteer Policy

Why Volunteer?

At Gulliver Swim Club, we are fortunate to have a state-of-the-art facility that allows us to host several meets each year. By hosting meets, we are able to create revenue for the club while helping parents keep travel costs low for their families. Home meets allow GRSC families to save on fuel, hotels, and restaurant bills, as well as allow swimmers to be more comfortable sleeping in their own beds and racing in a familiar pool. The coaching staff would never be able to pull off a successful meet on our own, and we appreciate the continued support of our wonderful families.

Volunteering at GRSC events is one of the best way to show support for your swimmer, the coaching staff, and our team as a whole. For new families, volunteering is a great way to learn about the sport and make friends. Swimming is a TEAM sport, where everyone has to work together for the team to succeed. As a parent, you can lead by example; volunteer to ensure we can host successful meets and other team events at Gulliver. Your service shows support for all of our athletes, as well as fuels fellowship throughout the entire team.

Team Obligation

GRSC families are asked to volunteer 30 hours over the course of one short course and one long course season, from September to August of the following year. All GRSC swimmers are expected to attend all home meets. Even if your swimmer has to miss a home meet, you are responsible for completing 30 hours for the team by the end of the year. This includes if your family is traveling over the summer. Gulliver high school and middle school events do not count toward service hours for the club team. Gulliver high school and middle school swimming families will have their service hour obligation prorated as they are expected to volunteer for the school team. Families joining the team in the middle of the season will also have their hours prorated. Any swimmers wishing to fulfill service hour requirements for school are welcome to do so, and those hours will count toward your family's yearly obligation.

At the end of the summer, families who have not finished 30 service hours will be charged \$10 per missing hour on September 1st. This policy is in place to ensure that all GRSC families participate in supporting the team. Masters Swimmers who do not have age group athletes on the team are not required to fulfill service hours.

Typical Volunteer Positions

Each meet offers a variety of jobs for volunteers to sign-up for. Some meets may require more or fewer than these positions. Other team events (field day, parties, etc.) will have jobs specific for that event. All team events eligible to count toward your family's service hour obligation will be listed on our team website before the event. All volunteers will be served food, snacks, and drinks during the session they are working.

Admissions - Greet visitors, collect money from admissions and heat sheet sales.
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

Announcer - Announce event, heat number, and name swimmers in the water. Read out official results when they are posted, and relay any other important announcements.
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

Awards - Prepare and sort ribbons, medals, and other awards as official results are posted so teams may take them home at the end of the meet. Post results when finalized for athletes and spectators to view. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

Computer Operator - Run the automated timing system and prepare results.
ADMIN OFFICIAL TRAINING & CERTIFICATION REQUIRED!

Concessions - Stock and organize concession stand goods, take orders, prepare food, and handle money. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

Hospitality - Stock and organize hospitality room to feed officials and coaches. Keep hospitality room clean. Deliver food and drinks to coaches, officials, and volunteers on deck. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

Meet Marshall - Monitor traffic behind starting blocks, ensuring that only athletes, coaches, and officials are behind the blocks. Maintain a safe environment on deck, behind blocks and in warm down pool. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

Official - Referees, Starters, and Stroke and Turn Judges needed for every session. Contact a coach if you are interested in becoming an official.
TRAINING & CERTIFICATION REQUIRED!

Set Up/Tear Down - Assist coaching staff setting up and tearing down timing system, tents, chairs, concession stand, and hospitality room. This is a perfect position for swimmers looking for service hours. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

Timer - Use electronic timing system and hand-held stopwatches to record times for swimmers. Officials will hold an information meeting about timing before the start of each session. This is a perfect position for swimmers looking for service hours.
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

How To Sign Up

Before each GRSC home meet or team event, a volunteer sign-up list will be posted on our team website. Visit gulliverswimclub.org and select the upcoming event from our homepage or under the “Team Schedule” tab. Look for the “Job Sign Up” button on the event page. On the Job Sign Up page will be a list of all available jobs and their expected time slots. Please note that all time slots are subject to change, please check the meet timeline before the meet for any changes. Extra hours will be awarded if a session goes longer than expected. If you miss the sign up window online, check in with the volunteer coordinator on the day of the meet to see if any positions need to be filled. Open spots will be filled on a first come first served basis. Hours will be awarded to volunteers who sign up the day of the meet.

At The Meet

It is each volunteer’s responsibility to check-in at the beginning of the session they have committed to. Please sign-in legibly so the volunteer coordinator coach can easily track your hours. Failure to check-in may result in an inaccurate record of your service hours. Volunteers are expected to stay for the entire session they have committed to. If you need to leave early, please notify the volunteer coordinator, and do not abandon your post until a replacement has been found. Partial hours will be awarded to volunteers who leave early, or come in late as a replacement.

Donations

In some cases, all volunteering positions may be filled days before the meet. In that case, the volunteer coordinating coach will begin asking for donations. Families are asked to sign up to volunteer first and foremost, only after all positions are filled will we begin accepting donations. Donations will count as 1 hour per \$10 donation. Please provide receipts as proof of purchase.

GRSC understands that some families may not be able to volunteer at home meets due to personal conflicts. If you are unable to volunteer or you have fallen behind on your service hours, it is your responsibility to contact the volunteer coordinating coach to figure out a donation plan for your family to cover your service hour obligation.

Tracking Service Hours

Following a Gulliver meet or event, the volunteer coordinator coach will compare the online sign-up form with the physical sign-in sheet from the day of the meet. Signing up online and then signing in at the meet will ensure that you are awarded the appropriate number of hours. Failure to sign up online, show up to the session on time, and sign-in legibly will make it difficult to award hours to your account. You can view

your service hour record through your account on the team website. If you have any questions about service hours, please contact the volunteer coordinator coach on staff.

Rewards

The Gulliver Swim Club coaching staff is extremely grateful for the wonderful parent volunteers we have on our team. To show our appreciation, we would like to reward the families who go above and beyond for our team. If your family completes more than the required yearly obligation, you will receive one of the rewards below. Thank you for your support!

50 hours - Gulliver Swim Club water bottle

70 hours - Gulliver Swim Club hat

90 hours - Gulliver Swim Club polo

Officials - Gulliver Swim Club rain jacket