

Timers

2 timers per lane - both roles equally important. ***THANK YOU for volunteering!***

One timer has a stopwatch and writes their time and their partner's time on the cards (swimmers will hand you their card prior to their race*). Please read your partner's time off of their stopwatch. Do NOT have them tell you the time, as sometimes you or they will transpose the numbers. **READ and RECORD.** You then hand the completed card to the Card Runner when they come by your lane.

The other timer has a stopwatch and presses the plunger. The plunger is connected to the timing pad. It is important to press the plunger as it is a back-up button. Several 8 & Under and 9-10 swimmers do not touch the pad with enough force or do not touch it properly to stop the clock. The plunger button acts as the back-up timer for all swims and is recorded in our computer timing system. **You press the plunger button ONLY at the end of the race.**

At the start of each race timers must make sure their watches are clear. Timers press their stopwatch at the beginning of the race. Please listen to the starter and watch the light on top of the start device (mounted to the bleacher railing next to the starter), as we see light faster than we hear sound. After you start the stopwatch please check that it started. If it did not, raise your hand and get the attention of the back-up timer to come to your lane. Timers then stop their watches at the end of the race. Timers should lean over the pool edge and watch for the first touch of the swimmer's fingertips on the wall/pad and stop when the swimmer has made contact. (Please note: sometimes for backstroke the swimmer hits with their head or other part of their arm. Stop your watch when a body part has touched the wall/pad.)

*For 8 & Under individual swims that are only a 25 yard length (i.e. 25 free, 25 back, 25 breast, or 25 fly), timers report to the bulkhead. You do **NOT** take cards from 8 & Under swimmers **IF** you are reporting to the bulkhead. ALL 8 & UNDERS WILL SWIM A 25 FREE AT EVERY MEET. The other swim depends on the "meet event". (*Please see the CAC Handbook on our website under **Documents** for more information.*) For these individual races **ONLY**, timers will have a sheet of paper to report the swim times for their lane. One sheet of paper should be able to record all girl and boy times for one type of race (i.e. all girl and boy times for 25 free).

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO: Make sure your **LANE NUMBER** is written at the top of the sheet and also write the **TYPE of race** (i.e. 25 free or 25 back or 25 breast or 25 fly). Then, when your swimmer finishes, please ask them their first and last name, write down their name, and then Read and Record your times for that swimmer. These white sheets will be turned in after you return to the other end of the pool. For any swim meet where the "meet event" is the 25 back or 25 breast or 25 fly, you will have a second white sheet to record all girls and boys for the "meet event" when you return to the bulkhead.