

Ways to Volunteer

Just like any youth sport organization volunteers are the backbone for Charger Aquatics 505 and USA Swimming. There are MANY ways you can volunteer to help out your child and team!

At the pool

-Team Potlucks are held throughout the year at the pool. We ask for families to donate food and drinks for the team to enjoy after a fun practice. This is a great time to help out the team at “home,” meet other CAQ 505 parents and swimmers. Watch your email and the website for Team Event announcements.

Timers

Timers are needed at EVERY swim meet. As a timer you are given first row seats right behind the blocks! You and your timing partner (another volunteer) will be in charge of one lane (assigned at swim meet), asking the swimmer their name to double check against the timer sheets you are given, timing the swimmers’ race via your hand watch (supplied at swim meet) and writing down the time from your watch onto the timers’ sheet. SUPER EASY. Along the way you will be able to interact with many swimmers and other volunteers.

Officials

The men and woman seen walking around the pool deck wearing white polos (most of the time) and headsets are also **volunteers**. While this position requires more training it is just as rewarding! You will train with New Mexico Swimming Head Officials who will teach the rules of swimming including but not limited to legal strokes, starts, and turns. The training is consisted of both a classroom session (usually 2-3hrs) and training on deck at a swim meet. There are many levels of officials; the first level is Stroke & Turn, volunteers can then receive more training for Starter and Meet Referee (in addition to many other duties Meet Referees are in charge of whistle commands to step up on blocks).