



Swim Meet Glossary

1. **TU:** Team Unify (our Swim Torrance website)
2. **Edit Commitment:** The link to sign-up if your child will attend the event or not
3. **Meet Announcement:** Information about the specific meet. Gives information such as -
 - Meet name
 - Date
 - Which team is hosting
 - Location
 - Entry Limit
 - Cost
 - Arrival times
 - T-shirt order
 - Order of events
 - etc.
4. **Fast Facts:** Updated information after the “Meet Announcement.” Very important to read a few days before the swim meet.
5. **Volunteer Hours:** Hours every competitive family needs to volunteer during team hosted events. For more information on job description (team hosted or outside events), please click on the “Volunteer” tab.
6. **Job Sign-up:** The link you click to see various jobs that our parents need to do to help support the team at meets.
7. **Arrival:** When your swimmer needs to arrive at the swim meet by
8. **Check-In:** The table where your swimmer needs to report to in order to swim their events that day. They will receive their event numbers.
9. **Event:** The race that your athlete will compete in.

10. **Heat:** The events are broken into heats. Different groups of 8-10 athletes per heat, each with their own lane.
11. **Lane:** Where the athlete will race
12. **Heat Sheet:** A board that admin posts the events for the day; also where your athlete can find their heat and lane for their race. After the race is done, results are processed, and then posted at the same board as the heat sheet.
13. **Activation:** Dynamic stretching on land before every team gets in the water for warm-up.
14. **Warm-up:** Preparation for the swim meet in the water
15. **Officials:** Swim versions of referees. They wear white with khaki pants.
16. **Admin:** Officials of the meet who run the computer system near the starting official.
17. **DQ:** Disqualified due to an illegal maneuver. An official will let the athlete know why they were disqualified immediately after their swim. The race time will not count and points will not count towards the team score.
18. **Prelims:** A session of racing, usually in the morning, in order to qualify for finals.
19. **Finals:** The championship race, usually in the afternoon/evening.
20. **Timed Finals:** Athlete only swims the event once and after the event is over results are tallied and posted by admin.
21. **Scratch:** Informing the admin that the athlete will not be swimming the event.
22. **Declare your Intent:** To swim or not in Finals; If you do not declare intent to admin after qualifying for finals they will assume you will swim and plan the Finals event accordingly. If your child doesn't show up, you will be charged a fine.