



Volunteer Hours

If you have a swimmer in Level 2-3, Shark, Age Group, PreSenior, or Senior, your family needs to volunteer **20** hours throughout the swim year. Hours can be acquired through team hosted meets or events and are kept track of by the Board of Directors. Descriptions include, but are not limited to:

Swim-A-Thon – This event is ongoing from March until June and requires a lot of behind the scenes work where we need families' help. Board Members or the Committee Chair will assign people tasks related to the event, which will count toward the 20 volunteer hours.

Annual Awards Banquet - This event is usually in the beginning of July and requires behind the scenes work where we need families' help. Board Members or the Committee Chair will assign people tasks related to the event, which will count toward the 20 volunteer hours.

Transport Equipment – This position counts toward the 20 volunteer hours because this is a position created by our team. This usually happens when the team is moving from the Plunge to GMAC for the summer or moving from GMAC to the Plunge for the short course season. Transporting team equipment requires a someone with a large vehicle (van, truck, SUV), lifting heavy items, and making multiple trips back and forth from their vehicle to the equipment.

Timer – This position **does not** count toward the 20 volunteer hours because this is a position that is deemed mandatory at away meets by the host team/admin. Because it is required of each visiting team, it is not considered volunteering. If Swim Torrance hosts a meet and assign our own team timing chairs, only those will count toward the 20 volunteer hours.

Timing Coordinator – This position counts toward the 20 volunteer hours because this is a position created by our team. This person is responsible for making sure all timing chairs are filled within a meet session. If they are not filled, or someone does not show for a spot they signed up for, the timing coordinator must find someone to fill the spot. If Swim Torrance hosts a meet, this position usually falls under the title of Volunteer Coordinator, as they organize all volunteer positions.

Tent Transport – This position counts toward the 20 volunteer hours because this is a position created by our team. Transporting the team canopy tents requires a someone with a large enough vehicle to not only fit multiple tents, but also the buckets that go with them (and sometimes tarps, depending on expected weather). This person also must meet a board member or coach at the team storage facility to either get the equipment to take to the meet or return the equipment after a meet.

Concessions/Hospitality – These positions count toward the 20 volunteer hours because they are positions created by our team. These are only offered when our team is hosting a meet. Concessions helpers service the patrons of the meet with food and beverages, and must be able to handle money transactions. Hospitality helpers handle food and beverages for coaches and officials.

Check-In Table – This position counts toward the 20 volunteer hours because this is a position created by our team. This is only offered when our team is hosting a meet. This person must interact with athletes prior to the start of each session at a meet. Swimmers will wait in line, say their name, and you will let them know the event numbers of their events. You must highlight each event # you tell them in order for them to be entered into the meet. Make sure the swimmer writes the events on their person as you tell them their event #s.

Meet Marshall - This position counts toward the 20 volunteer hours because this is a position created by our team. This is only offered when our team is hosting a meet. Marshalls help make sure the pool deck is safe for all attendees. Position locations vary, and each Marshall must be able to address someone who is not in compliance.

Announcer – This position counts toward the 20 volunteer hours because this is a position created by our team. This is offered when our team is hosting a meet or during Swim-A-Thon. This person will make all announcements, like swimmers' heats/lanes, sponsorship, timeline, results, or anything else requested by the head coach, meet admin, or meet ref. If an announcer is organized enough, they also play music during the session when appropriate.

Admin Runner – This position counts toward the 20 volunteer hours because this is a position created by our team. This is only offered when our team is hosting a meet. The admin runner works directly with the meet admin. They help post heat sheets, results, and any other duties requested by admin or the meet ref.

Ribbons Table - This position counts toward the 20 volunteer hours because this is a position created by our team. This is only offered when our team is hosting a meet. This position requires organization skills, as they place results stickers printed by admin on the back of ribbons and then organize them by team. At the end of the meet, they remind coaches to stop by and claim their team's ribbons before leaving so we do not have to pay to ship them.

Head Timer – This position counts toward the 20 volunteer hours because this is a position created by our team. This is only offered when our team is hosting a meet. The head timer is responsible for starting two stopwatches at the beginning of every heat in case a lane timer messes up. To ensure quickness, this person goes to timer when notified.

Serving on a Committee – There are a few committees where Board Members need parent/guardian assistance to help behind the scenes. One example is the Financial Oversight Committee. These positions count toward the 20 volunteer hours because it requires quite a bit of time communicating with Board Members and/or coaching staff.