

Milestone Makos Swim Team Volunteer Descriptions

Parent Volunteers

Parental participation is the key to a successful team and is required. The schedule of job assignments will be distributed before the first meet. If you are unable to fill your slot for any reason, it is your responsibility to find your replacement. Each parent may be asked to perform one of the following job functions:

Referee:

(Certified Position/Home Meets Only). The Referee must remain on deck through the course of the meet and must signal the Starter that the competition can begin before each meet. The Referee has the final say in all disputes. Therefore, the Referee should remain until the last event has been scored.

Meet Director:

(Certified Position/Home Meets Only). The Meet Director must be available for any situation that might arise during a meet and is not permitted to fill any other position during the meet. The Meet Director must contact the visiting team's parent representative before a home meet, extends a welcome and confirms that the starter is charged and in good working order, assesses whether any certified officials are needed from the opposing team, and notifies the team of their warm-up times. The Meet Director ensures that the pool is set up for the meet, all workers are in their proper positions and that the meet runs smoothly.

Starter:

(Certified Position/Home Meets Only). He/She signals the start of each event and heat. Electronic starters will be used.

Strokes/Turn Judge:

(Certified Position/Home and Away Meets). He/She stands on the side of the pool watching the swimmers in his/her assigned lanes. If the swimmer does not execute the stroke correctly, the Strokes/Turn judge will disqualify the swimmer.

Timers:

(Home/Away Meets). There are three timers in each lane that record the time on a stopwatch. One timer will record the time on the swimmer's card and hand it to the runner for pick up. The Head Timer will ensure all timers are in their place and assign one timer per lane to record times on the swimmer's card. He/She will also assign a "back-up timer" to also time in case a timer has a problem with their stopwatch.

Clerk of the Course:

(Certified Position/Home Meets Only). Non-certified workers are used in this area as well. The Clerk is responsible for seeding all the heats and events according to official GRAL rules. As events are called, workers are needed to assist in moving children through the clerk area to the starting blocks.

Scorer:

(Certified Position - Home/Away Meets). Verifies the relay cards mid-way through the meet to make sure they comply with guidelines. Manually scores the relays at the end of the meet.

Computer Coordinator:

(Home/Away Meets). He/She updates the roster of swimmers, prepares reports needed by GRAL, enters each swimmer's events into the computer prior to the meet and generates the cards needed for the meet. During the meet, the swimmer's times are entered into the computer as the meet progresses and prints meet results at the end of the meet.

Computer Assistant:

(Home Meets). Assists the computer coordinator with duties. Trains to become the coordinator if desired.

Announcer:

(Home Meets Only). Calls swimmers to the Clerk of Course and makes all other announcements required during the meet.

Runners:

(Home Meets Only). Picks up cards from timers, Referee, strokes/turns judges and takes them to the Table for processing.

Table Workers:

(Home/Away Meets). All the swimmer's cards with official times are sorted at the table and eventually entered into the computer. The ribbons are also prepared at the table.

Concession Workers:

(Home Meets Only). Prepares and sells food and refreshments during the home meets.