



2023 MSC Summer Swim Team Parent Responsibilities

All parents of swimmers are required to **volunteer or get someone to volunteer in your place, for a job for half the duration of each meet your child attends.**

It is the responsibility of parents to keep track of their children at swim meets and to be sure they are ready for their events.

Volunteers

Swim meets and events depend on many parent volunteers. Each family must **volunteer for a job for half the duration of each meet or event your child attends**, fulfilling at least 10 obligations or time slots. 35 positions need to be filled for each home meet and 20 for each away meet. If all positions are not filled, you will be assigned responsibilities. If you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities, you **must find your own replacement**. You should not depend on the team or event coordinators to find your replacements. The meets and special events only happen with lots of parent support. Most jobs offer learn-on-the-job training and are a fun way to meet other members! See below for volunteer positions needed.

- **Check-in**

Volunteers will check swimmers in for the meets

- **Timers**

Each swimmer (lane) is timed by two timers, one from the home team and one from the visiting team. Back-up timers are available for each race.

- **Runners**

Runners collect the event cards from the timers after each event and deliver them to the scorekeepers.

- **Ribbon Coordinators**

Volunteers place a label with the swimmer's name, event and time on the appropriate ribbon for each event. Usually done during or after the meet.

- **Announcer**

A trained volunteer who announces the current and upcoming events throughout the meet.

- **Starter**

A trained volunteer who starts each event and judges' false starts. Must attend an Officials' Training session.

- **Stroke & Turn Judges**

Trained volunteers who watch the swimmers during their events and judge whether or not their strokes and turns were swum correctly. They disqualify the swimmer if the stroke or the turn was not correct. Attend a clinic to find out what's legal and what's not.