

Swim Meet Officials

Parent's willingness to serve as meet officials is essential to a successful swim season. All SAIL officials must be re-certified each year. Referees, Stroke & Turn judges, Starters, Head Timers, Head Clerk of Course, and Records volunteers must attend SAIL conducted training sessions. Referees must attend all six clinics: referee, starter, stroke & turn judge, timer, records, and clerk of course. Other officials must attend a session required by SAIL to be certified. See Education Training Schedule.

Timers: Determine official lane times by using a stopwatch for each swim. Work $\frac{1}{2}$ of the meet. Attendance at a brief Stone Lake training session required. Head Timer asked to attend SAIL training session.

Records: Receives cards from the Runner. Checks the cards for heat# and event#, and places cards in lane order. Determines the official time and records it (or circles it) in the appropriate space on the card. Records are away from the swim area; shifts are for $\frac{1}{2}$ of the meet. Attendance at a brief Stone Lake training session required. Head Records required to attend SAIL training session.

Ribbons: Completes backs of ribbons with labels from the Computer Operator showing swimmers name, time and event. Ribbons are then filed according to team. Works $\frac{1}{2}$ meet shifts. No specific training.

Runner: Distributes swimmer's time cards to recording timers in each lane before each swim. Picks up the cards from the recording timer after each swim and delivers to the Records area. Attendance at a brief Stone Lake training session requested. $\frac{1}{2}$ meet shifts.

Clerk of Course: Responsible for "Clerk of Course" area set up and for having swimmers lined up on benches and then behind blocks in an orderly and timely manner to keep meet running smoothly. Attendance at a brief Stone Lake training session requested. Head Clerk required to attend SAIL training session.

Stroke & Turn Judge: Responsible for ensuring that rules for each event are followed, including proper strokes, turns, relay take-offs, and finishes. Attendance at SAIL training session and on-deck experience required.

Starter: After receiving clearance from the Referee, the starter directs the swimmers to step onto the starting block, gives instruction regarding the event, and with proper command and signal, starts the race. Attendance at SAIL training session is required.

Recall Starter: Shall be positioned across the starting edge of the pool from the starter, and assist in calling false starts. Attendance at SAIL training session is required.

Referee: Has full responsibility over all officials and shall assign and instruct them; shall enforce all rules and decide all questions relating to the actual conduct of the meet. Referee can overrule any official on a point of rule interpretation or on a judgment decision, which is personally observed. Attendance at all SAIL training sessions required.