



PORTLAND PORPOISE SWIM CLUB VOLUNTEER POLICY

The best way to support your swimmer and the team is to volunteer. Our club depends on all of its members to assist with fundraising, swim meets, social events, and more. We can only function if everyone does their fair share. Parent volunteers are called upon throughout the year to assist with a variety of activities. These include, but are not limited to:

- **Annual Swim-a-Thon:** Our main fundraiser of the year, the Swim-a-Thon helps pay for things like pool rental and social events. During the month of October, all families are asked to gather donations and on the evening of the Swim-a-Thon members are asked to count their swimmer's lap and assist with setup and cleanup.
- **Volunteering at team hosted meets:** We usually host 1 official swim meet and 1-2 intrasquad meets a year, and it requires all-hands-on-deck. It's a fun and festive meet but we have over 60 roles to fill in order to run the meet smoothly. The jobs we need filled include setup and cleanup, timers, marshals, officials, concession sales, admissions and program sales, officials, starter, announcer, and meet photographer, to name a few. We will also ask everyone to sign up to donate a food item for our concession stand. If job assignments are not filled, the meet committee will assign jobs to people.
- **Volunteering at NON team hosted swim meets:** We are often required to provide officials, timers and/or marshals at meets in which we participate. We often do not know which jobs assignments and time slots until a couple days before the meet. An email will be sent to all families asking people to sign up for a job. You are always welcome to share a job with another parent so you're not working the entire shift. If you cannot fulfill the commitment you signed up for it's your responsibility to find another parent to be your replacement.
- **Team social events:** Throughout the year we hold a half dozen team sponsored social events. Members are asked to sign up to assist with setup and cleanup, and sometimes bring food and beverage items for these events.

If you would like to be trained to be an **official** (i.e. stroke and turn judge or starter), training is available throughout the year. These "trained" volunteer positions are essential to running meets and each team is required to have trained officials.

As you can see, it takes a village to run a successful swim club. If you have any questions about volunteering or becoming an official, please contact president@portlandporpoises.com