

# **Guidelines for Meet Marshalls**

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### **Marshals must be members of USA Swimming.**

#### **USA Swimming rulebook:**

*102.19 MARSHALS- Shall enforce warm-up procedures and maintain order in the swimming venue for the entire meet. The marshal shall have full authority to warn or order to cease and desist and with the concurrence of the referee, to remove, or have removed from the swimming venue anyone behaving in an unsafe manner or using profane or abusive language, or whose actions are disrupting the orderly conduct of the meet.*

#### **Responsibilities of Marshals include:**

Marshals should arrive at the swim venue at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the beginning of warm-ups.

They should check in with the referee to receive instructions, i.e. where they will be positioned, special safety concerns for the meet, etc.

The head marshal should have a whistle. Marshals should be easily identifiable by a distinctive article of attire. (Hat, jacket, vest, etc.)

Warm-down areas must be marshaled throughout the meet.

Marshals must not leave the area until coverage is provided or until excused by the referee.

#### **Marshals duties include:**

Making sure that swimmers behave in a safe manner. (No running, abusive behavior, etc.)

During general warm-ups, make sure that swimmers enter the water feet first from the starting end only. Swimmers should ease into the water. Swimmers should not enter from the far end or the sides of the pool. **ABSOLUTELY NO DIVING!!!!!!**

Being alert to dangerously overcrowded warm-ups. Alerting the referee and/or meet manager if such a situation exists.

Notifying the appropriate swimmer, coach and/or referee if anyone is behaving /acting in an unsafe manner.

Making sure that lanes are cleared before sprints begin.

The marshal's role is to help maintain a safe environment. Please use appropriate language and **PLEASE PAY ATTENTION.**