

Frequently Asked Questions - Volunteer Meet Workers



- 1. Why should I volunteer to work at the 2016 Western Zone Age Group Championships?** There are as many reasons as there are volunteers! Not only will you get one of the best seats in the house, you can make a positive difference. Swimmers need meets and meets need volunteer workers to run. Students, scouts and others often need service hours. The commitment of volunteers like you contributes to the success USA Swimming athletes enjoy locally, nationally and internationally.
- 2. How can I become a volunteer for the meet?** Visit the meet website utahzones2016.com and click the volunteer tab. An online volunteer sign-up will be available prior to the meet and be accessible here. Once available, select a job, session(s) and give us your details. It's that simple! An email reminder will be sent prior to the meet.
- 3. Do I need any special skills?** No. We provide any needed training for each available job.
- 4. What does a volunteer do?** We mostly need timers, but also individuals to help with posting and picking-up information, serving food, checking-in volunteers, labeling awards, and other meet jobs.
- 5. How long do I have to work?** Prelims shifts start around 8am and are estimated to end prior to 2pm (some will likely end earlier.) The exact start time of Finals shifts are determined the week before the meet after entries are received. They usually start late afternoon (around 4 pm or so?) and end at approximately 7:30pm except Saturday, which may end as early as 6:30 pm or so.
- 6. What do I do on the day(s) I work the meet?** Check-in at the volunteer table at the time designated on the online sign-up. Upon check-in, you will be given the time and place to report to receive training. Please be in the appointed place at the report time.
- 7. Will I get a break during my shift? Do I need to stay the whole time?** Yes and yes. We will provide someone to cover your job while you get a short break, but you do need to plan to stay for the whole session or shift.
- 8. Do I have to be USA Swimming Registered to work at the meet?** No. There are many meet jobs that do not require you to be USA Swimming Registered. However, if you are USA Swimming Registered and would like to work at the meet, please contact the volunteer coordinator, volunteer@usa-swimming.com directly at volunteer@usa-swimming.com.
- 9. How do I get a T-shirt?** Sign-up for and work two sessions.
- 10. Can I work with my friends? Are there group, team or family opportunities?** Yes. You can sign-up as a team/group. See online sign-up at meet website (utahzones2016.com), click on the

Volunteers tab) We actually encourage that. We LOVE having non-competing swimmers help at this meet and give back to the swimming community!

11. How old do you have to be to work at the meet? A mature 11 year-old or older.

