

We have always had Marshals at our hosted swim meets - it's a USA Swimming requirement - and our Members have always volunteered to help. But, we need to tighten up our implementation of Meet Marshals a bit to fully comply with the requirement.

USA Swimming / Virginia Swimming is placing more emphasis on safety and is stepping up it's enforcement of the rules governing the use of Marshals. The rules require a minimum of 2 Marshals, who must be members of USA Swimming, on the deck at all times during a meet from the beginning of Warm-Ups to the end of each session. Their sole responsibility is safety in the venue. Also, if a warm-up/cool down area is used, a Marshal must supervise it whenever open to swimmers. Virginia Swimming provided clear guidance to it's Meet Referees, Meet Directors, and Safety Coordinators:

**No Marshals - No Swimming - No Excuses!**

So, we need to identify a pool of Marshals (no pun intended) who will work at the meets we host. We usually have 4 meets, about 27 sessions, and a need for at least 3 Marshals at each session. That means we have a requirement for at least **81** Marshal slots. We can probably do this with 20 Members (4 sessions each), maybe less. We need to register those of you who volunteer as USA Swimming Members (fees paid from meet revenues) prior to the meets.

*Marshal Responsibilities: Enforce warm-up/safety procedures and maintains order in the swimming venue. The Marshal has 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.*

Basically, you are Mom and Dad and Chief of Common Sense.  
And, you get to wear really cool orange CGBD tank tops!!