

Meet Director

Meet Director

- Team representative (volunteer) who is responsible for hosting the meet
 - Facility
 - Meet Operation
 - Snack Bar
 - Hospitality
 - Safety
 - Meet Program
 - Vendors
 - Misc.

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Meet:-

- Type of meets -
 - Sanctioned, approved, observed
 - Scheduled and published – LSC, Zone
 - Unscheduled – Invitational, Club Series, Intra-Squad
- Differences:
 - Application and approval process
 - Assignment of Officials
 - Meet Results

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Pre- Meet Preparation

- Job starts when team decides to bid/host a meet
- Interact with coaches on what meet to bid for
- Decide on facility
- Check on availability of facility – contact info
- Submit meet bid package
- Apply for meet host privilege with Swim Connection

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Meet Awarded

- Confirm facility reservation
- Meet sheet: secure a copy of old meet sheet from meet of same type
- Meet Management Software: SAMMS or HyTek Meet Manager
- Computer operator – in house or hire out
- Timing equipment – in house, rent, or hire out
- Verify meet Requirements from Meet Bid Criteria
- Contact local Law Enforcement
- Book hotel rooms (if required)

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Develop your team –

Communicate with your Team

Identify skilled/experienced persons for critical positions, recruit them ahead of time - training

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| • Snack Bar lead | • Head Marshal |
| • Hospitality lead | • Volunteer coordinator |
| • Equipment-Facility lead | • Office coordinator |
| • Meet program lead | • Clerk of the course |
| | • Safety Coordinator |

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- Can Snack Bar lead and Hospitality lead be the same person?
- Yes – but not recommended
- Snack Bar – customers – swimmers & parents
- Hospitality – coaches, officials, lane timers, volunteers
 - Snacks, lunch, liquids, delivery system
 - Timing of lunch/dinner
- Share food purchases

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Meet Referee Assignment- Interaction

- Pacific meets – PacSwim website
- Zone meets – Zone website or Zone Officials Chair
- Communicate with Meet Referee – ASAP
- Introduce yourself – describe your experience – be honest
- Meet Management Computer Operator
- Timing Equipment Operator
- Describe your Facility

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Meet Sheet – 90 days before meet (earlier the better)

- Meet Sanction Application – to PacSwim Office
- List of events for each day – coaches input is critical
- Balance the yardage swim/ age group/ day
- Distance events on Friday – 400 IM?
- Start time on Friday
- Segregate deck area for swimmers and coaches
- Parent set up area

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Order of Events:

Don't:

- start meet with 12 & under events
- start meet with 25 or 50 yard/meter events
- bunch all 50's events during lunch time

Do:

- start with 200 Free or Backstroke
- start with older age group

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Order of Events:

- Plan good interval between events of same age group
- Put open distance events at end of meet
- Consider different days for girls/boys for open distance events
- Plan for shorter Sunday session

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Corollaries of swim meet

- 100 Free has the most number of swimmers
- 25/50 breast stroke – most number of DQs
- More girls than boys
- More events with odd number of heats than even #
- Meet runs smoother swimming Fast to slow
- Girl/Boy course configuration more efficient than odd/even and with less problems

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- Class of meet
 - Days of meet
 - Course configuration
 - # of events per day
 - Restrictions
 - Eligibility
 - Entry closing date
 - Include permissive languages – up to 16 lanes, etc
- Contact Zone Sanction Chair for the latest required wording for meet sheet
- Send Draft to Meet Referee – when complete

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Set up Meet in Swim Connection once the order of events is set

- It may take longer than you anticipate
- Test SC setup
- Meet cannot go live until meet sheet is sanctioned or other Zone restrictions.
- Meet cap for closing ?
 - preset number of entries
 - time line based
 - no cap
- Call for help with Swim Connection

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Meet is open – accepting entries

- Monitor timeline all through the entry period
- Close entry for age group meets and on occasion Senior meets
- Notify Meet Referee if runaway entry or low entry

Close communication with meet referee

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Entry is closed – 10 days before meet

- All mail in entries entered into system
- SDIF file to:
 - Computer operator
 - Registration check
 - Time verification
- Calculate time line – volunteer coordinator
- number of teams/day - hospitality
- number of swimmers/day – snack bar/vendors
- number of swimmers/team/day – timing chairs/Officials

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Marshal

- Parking lot
- Reserved parking
- Drop off area
- Traffic control
- Warm up area
- Pool deck set up restrictions
- Safety check
- Safety patrol

Facility

- Set up day before
- Test timing equipment
- Test computer communication
- Re-test set up every morning
- Power requirement for vendors
- Non-emergency Police phone contact number
- Locate available land line in facility

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Clerk of the course

- Early set up
- Pencils & rulers
- Traffic flow
- USA-S membership forms
- Heavy staffing early, trim staff later in the day

Awards

- Set up later in the day
- Traffic flow
- Low staffing early, heavy in the afternoon
- Extra help near end of meet
- Encourage Award pick up through out the day
- No mailing after meet?

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Office coordinator - runners

Out bound paperwork

Time critical

- Heat & lane assignment
- Ref & Colorado sheet
- Lane timer sheets
- Announcer

In bound paperwork

- Ref & Colorado sheets
- Lane timer sheets

Not always available at the end of an event

- Results-posting
- Announcer
- awards

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Program:

- Sales
- Officials programs
- Coaches programs –
 - credential check - verifying Deck Pass – issue wrist bands ID
 - lunch tickets

Volunteer/Floaters

Volunteer coordinator – recruit, schedule, emergency fill ins – interface with team leads

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Day(s) before the meet:

- Verify Facility is set up according to plan
- Deck and Office equipment are in place
- Check weather forecast
- Contact local Law Enforcement – remind them of the meet and the expected number of attendees – request occasional police presence – drive by or walk through and/or around venue
- Local parking restriction signs
- Check with team leads to help anticipate problem(s)
- Life Guards – adequate staffing according to timeline

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Day of the Meet:

- Walk around – confer with team leads, last minute items
- Greet Meet Referee – status update, go over anything that is out of the ordinary
- Facility walk through with Meet Referee- check in, hospitality, heat and lane posting, results posting, first aid, announcer, awards, landline phone location and phone number
- When does the meet referee want National Anthem
- Check area with most activity – see if they need help

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Day of the Meet:

- Participate in officials meeting, thank the officials and let them know where is hospitality
- Participate in coaches meeting, let them know where is hospitality
- Be available and visible, be on deck 10 min before the meet starts
- Breathe a sigh of relief when first heat is in the water
- Always consult with your Meet Referee with a meet question before answer – ensure both are on the same page

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Day of the Meet:

- Walk around the facility, keep an eye out for safety issues
- Check with your team leads, thank your volunteers
- Check in with Meet Referee every now and then
- Make sure your where about is known in case of incidents (radio) – update Meet Referee
- Don't get bogged down in any one area fixing problems, if problem cannot be solved in minutes, delegate
- Do not leave venue - delegate second in command if need be
- **THANK EVERYONE**

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After the meet:

- File results away, store in easily retrievable place
- Meet Summary Report to Meet Referee
- Make sure on site registration forms and fees are sent to Membership at PacSwim
- Results are sent to results@pacswim.org
- Equipment return
- Follow up with teams that have not paid (relays)
- **THANK EVERYONE**

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Things to be prepared for:

- The same question over and over again, no matter how many times it's been announced or repeated in your meet sheet
- Parents: enough said
- Having to say "No" when you don't want to
- Always keep the swimmers best interest in mind
- Long, but rewarding days

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