

York YMCA Aquatic Club Parent Volunteer Philosophy/Policy:

While the Aquatic Club welcomes and encourages parents to volunteer and become involved in all aspects of its operation from officiating to the social committee to fund raising, parent participation at swim meets is **mandatory**.

Nearly 40 volunteers per session of a swim meet are required to fill all the necessary positions: timers, scorers, computer operators, officials, concessions, awards, on deck seeding, marshals, runners, and awards as well as set up and tear down. **Because of this all swim families are expected to supply at least 1 parent /volunteer for every session in which their swimmer competes.**

If your swimmer is in multiple sessions over multiple days, then the swim family is expected to supply a parent/volunteer for each day. In the case of families with swimmers in multiple sessions, if there are more volunteers than needed, they will be the first to be relieved. **Generally, the rule for parents should be: If you are at your child's swim meet you should have a job to do, UNLESS you have asked and you are not needed.**

In order to smoothly facilitate the large number of volunteers and assure that all tasks are covered an on-line signup sheet will be created through www.timetosignup.com listing all the volunteer positions on each day of a particular swim meet. When the sign-up sheet has been created the link will be emailed to the team and each swim family of a participating swimmer will be expected to go on-line and sign up. Additionally, the Aquatic Club has appointed a Meet Volunteer Coordinator. The Coordinator will review the sign-up sheet a few days before the meet and compare the signups to the meet entries. Any family who has not volunteered will be contacted and assigned a volunteer position for the session of the meet in which their swimming is competing. The family or some representative of them must supply a volunteer for that assignment. The Volunteer Coordinator may also, if needed, request that a family change its assignment if there is a more critical area that has not yet been filled.

On the day of the meet a printout of the Volunteer assignments will be posted at Admissions (for Invitational Meets only), on deck at the Announcers table, and at the Concession stand. Upon arrival, all swim parents (those that have signed up on-line and those that haven't) are asked to check in and verify their assignment, if they have one for that session. There may be times when all the positions are filled and a family is not required to work, there may also be times when a family is required to supply more than one volunteer.

Please understand that the Aquatic Club has put this policy in place to run our meets correctly, efficiently, and to share the work fairly among all swim families.