

Marshall Briefing

- USA Swimming Rule 102.19 Marshals — shall wear identifying attire and enforce warm-up procedures and maintain order in the swimming venue. 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.
- Ideally there are 4 Marshalls for each session, 3 on duty 1 on break in a 15 minute rotation. Marshals are to be positioned at each end of the warm-up/warm-down lanes or as directed by the Meet Director or Meet Referee. One Roaming Marshal making sure swimmers behave in a safe manner. (No running, abusive behavior, deck changing, etc).
- Warm-up/warm down areas must be marshalled throughout the meet.
- Be alert to dangerously overcrowded lanes. A good rule of thumb is 10 swimmers can safely be in each lane. Warm down/warm up lanes are not for play time. Overcrowded lanes say 16 or more please alert the Meet Director or Meet Referee attention. Swimmers should not be resting on lane lines or the wall for extended lengths of time.
- No socializing in warm-up/warm-down lanes. Swimming only.
- Make sure that swimmers enter water feet first and ease into the water. Swimmers should not be entering from pool sides of the pool during warm-up/warm-downs. **ABSOLUTELY NO DIVING OR EXCESSIVE JUMPING!!!**
- Primary starting side of the pool is preferred swimmer entry, if warm up/warm down entries will be allowed from either end must be approved by the Meet referee.
- No starts of any kind are allowed during warm-up/warm-downs. These are only allowed during general warm ups prior to the meet in lanes assigned as such.
- Remind Swimmers that running, horse play, whipping towels, etc. are dangerous and must be stopped.
- Remind all that glass is not allowed on deck or in the locker rooms.
- Report any unsafe areas on the deck to the Meet Referee or Meet Director
 - Loose wires
 - Slippery areas
 - Too many swimmers in a lane
 - Any other things you consider dangerous
- Periodically, (every 20 to 30 minutes) walk through hallways, seeding areas, etc., and with another adult of your gender, your gender locker rooms. Arrange for “two adult” walk-throughs of the other gender locker rooms or Meet Director will assign other gender coaches from OCCS team to periodically do this.
- Report unauthorized people on Deck, watch for inappropriate camera use in locker rooms & in around the venue. Immediately inform the Meet Referee or Meet Director.
- Review life guard location(s) with the Marshals, this is where they should first go in the event of an emergency.
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