

**What:** Timing is part of the sport of swimming. It's fun and engaging talk with other parents while supporting your team. Being a part of your swimmer's world means so much to them. It's also a great way to watch the events, because it's exciting when you're participating and you have the best seats at the facility.

All swim families (parents, family member and/or swimmer) must time at meets. Generally, there is one timer with a stopwatch, a timer with a check-in sheet for filling in the time achieved, and two or three pickles, which just record the finish of the event. When we have a timing assignment for a swim meet, we often share the assignment with other teams. Timers agree amongst the other timers who will take on which role, but all timers must pickle at the finish.

There is always a veteran willing to offer help for any newcomers to the assignment. Administrations is happy to help as well.

When there are issues with the stopwatch, there are extras started on the sides, so a timer raises their hand or runs to get a new stopwatch from the head timers on the ends, if there is a problem with your stopwatch.

**When:** BLAST pre-assign the timing assignments a day or two prior to the meet. These go out as soon as we have received our information from the host; and so, it's out of our control how early we can get these out.

Every family is responsible for timing at every meet. Check your email regularly. Double-check your assignment at the meet, because sometimes changes are made due to illness of a swimmer, and a timer not attending. Families are expected to time once per child per swimmer per day.

The assignment can be for 30 minutes, 45 minutes, or even over an hour, depending on what we are assigned and how many of our swimmers are at the meet on a given day.

### **Rules for Timing**

- There is a \$50 fine for missing a timing assignment, unless you confirmed an alternate timer that took your assignment.
- There is a 48-hour notification of meet cancellation policy, or \$50 is the collectible fine.
- There is no fine, if you were not given an assignment at a meet, and so you ended up not having to time.
- Communicate with other parents if you do not want to miss your swimmer's event. Someone will be willing to

cover you during your event, as you will offer the same courtesy to other timers during their timing spots.

- If you are not given an assignment, you may be asked to fill a needed spot, due to another timer's absence.
- Alternate timers with specific times, but show at lane and ask the BLAST timer if they need relief. If they are told

no, then they are free to roam. However, they can still be called upon later if they did not time. If they left the meet, they will not be fined.

- Timers must wait for their relief timer to come in order to leave, regardless of over-timing. It's suggested to note

who your replacement is on the Timing posted at the tents, so you know who did not come to relieve you, and then notify a Coach or Timing Manager. A Timing Manager's phone # is usually posted on the Timing Sheet, as well, so that you can text or call a manager or coach to get relief when no one has relieved you.

- Timing is essential, because we can be DQ'd as a team if we don't have a timer for a lane assignment.
- Even should your assignment end up being past the time your swimmer has finished their events for the day, you

are still responsible for your timing spot unless you have confirmed an alternate timer for your spot. Once confirmed, please notify a manager and/or change the name on the posting.