Timing at Away Meets

Thank you for signing up to time at away meets! It's important that we provide timers to other meets to help swimmers have backup times in the event of a technical malfunction of the timing system. Plus, as one of the larger programs in the area, it's important that we take the time to help programs host meets.

When you sign up to time for an away meet, you're signing up for a portion of the meet, usually not more than 2 hours. Typically, the meet isn't much more than four hours long so you'll either be timing the first or second half of the session. There are occasions when the session is shorter and you may be asked to time an entire session.

The host team lets the coaches know how many timers we are asked to provide as a team – usually 1-2 lanes worth (4 timers) and we create the sign-up times based off that. Once you've signed up – you'll get a reminder the day before to make sure you're there on time.

If you're the first shift timer, you'll need to report to the timers meeting – usually 15 minutes before the meet starts.

If you're the second shift timer – it's never a bad idea to be a little early so you can have a smooth transition.

If something happens and you cannot time – it'd be great if you can have someone ready to substitute – but if you can't – please email the Volunteer VP at <u>volunteer@swimntsc.org</u> so we can quickly get that position filled.

Remember – timers are CRUCIAL to the operation of the meet. They are the back-up to the backup to the pad. You'll have plenty of time to get adjusted and you'll find those are MUCH better seats than in the stands! Thank you!