



AGE GROUP PARENT

DESCRIPTION

- There are separate designated areas, tents, for Boys and Girls in each Age Group from age 6 through 14 with the older Age Groups, 15-17 combined.
- ❖ Each Age Group tent has a Volunteer Parent and Parent Assistant assigned to the tent to be responsible for the Swimmers during each Dual Meet, Home and Away.
- ❖ The older Age Groups (15 -17 year-olds) are combined into one (1) Age Group tent requiring only one AGE GROUP PARENT and one (1) AGE GROUP ASSISTANT.

REQUIREMENTS

- Twelve (12) volunteers, one (1) volunteer per age group per gender, are required for each Dual Meet, Home and Away.
- ❖ The AGE GROUP PARENT will not be changed during a Dual Meet unless under exigent circumstances.
- One (1) volunteer, either the AGE GROUP PARENT or AGE GROUP PARENT ASSISTANT, is to remain in the designated Age Group area at all times.

DUTIES

- The AGE GROUP PARENT is the primary contact for the Age Group Assigned.
- AGE GROUP PARENTs are responsible for the safety and well-being of the Swimmer(s) in their age group.
 - ❖ AGE GROUP PARENTs are to report to any BOARD MEMBER or directly to the VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR any non-compliance of directives, unsportsmanlike conduct, any theft, any injury and/or any other infraction by any one at the Meet that has the potential to cause malice, intentional or unintentional, towards any other person.
- AGE GROUP PARENTs are to ensure that only their Swimmer(s) are within their designated area and are to politely 'ask to leave' all non-age group individuals (Swimmers as well as non-Swimmers) from their age group designated area.

PRE-MEET

- The AGE GROUP PARENTs are to check-in at the Volunteer Coordinator area and pick up AGE GROUP PARENT notebook.
 - ❖ The AGE GROUP PARENTs are responsible for picking up Meet Event cards (where applicable) prior to the first Meet Event.
- The AGE GROUP PARENTs are to locate their Age Group designated area (most often a pop-up tent) and help finish with setup – raising tent, laying down tarp, hanging age group sign on front of tent.
- The AGE GROUP PARENTs shall account for all Swimmer(s) in their designated age group.
 - ❖ Check-in each Swimmer on the Check-in Sheet as they arrive.



- ❖ Review the Heat Sheet and write the Swimmer's Events and Heats on their arm with a Sharpe pen:
 - Non-Relay: Event Number, Heat Number, and Lane Number.
 - Relay: Event Number, Heat Number, Lane Number, and Leg Number.
- ❖ Inform the MEET COMPUTER REPRESENTATIVE of any Swimmer(s) that is/are absent from the Meet, potential Swimmer substitute(s) and/or any Swimmer withdrawal(s) from Events and/or Heats.

DURING MEET

- The AGE GROUP PARENTs need to listen to the ANNOUNCER and begin locating their Swimmers at least two (2) Events prior to the Swimmer's next Event.
 - ❖ 'First Call' for Swimmer(s) by ANNOUNCER
 - Distribute Event Cards (where applicable) to the Swimmers prior to proceeding to the Ready Bench.
 - ❖ 'Third and Final' Call by ANNOUNCER
 - All Swimmer(s) participating in an Event are at the Ready Bench in the order that they swim.
- The AGE GROUP PARENTs will report to the READY BENCH HEAD COORDINATOR the status of their Swimmer(s) -- that all Swimmer(s) are present and accounted for, that Swimmer(s) are missing or absent, and/or that Swimmer(s) that are substituted.
 - ❖ THE AGE GROUP PARENT will stay at the Ready Bench assisting the READY BEACH HEAD COORDINATOR and HELPERS until all Swimmers are seated.
- The AGE GROUP PARENTs for the youngest ages (6 & Under, and 7-8 year-olds) are critical to the timely start and on-going timing of Events.
 - ❖ Approximately 7:15 if 7:30 AM Meet start or by 7:45 AM if 8:00 AM Meet start, the AGE GROUP PARENTs need to begin organizing their Swimmers.
 - ❖ These youngest Swimmers are required to be escorted to the Ready Bench for each Event to avoid getting lost or losing their Event Card (where applicable).
- At the end of an Event, The AGE GROUP PARENTs are required to verify that Swimmers are accounted for and in their designated area.