

GULF SWIMMING
SAFETY MARSHAL ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES
2007-2008

1. Responsibilities and Requirements:

- a. The Safety Marshal must be registered as a Member of USA Swimming.
- b. The position of Safety Marshal is to be performed by individuals, age 21 or older, with no other meet responsibilities. Meet directors, officials, or other assigned meet personnel are not permitted to serve as Safety Marshal.
- c. During warm-ups the Safety Marshal is required to be on deck prior to and during the entire warm-up session. The Safety Marshal shall enforce the warm-up procedures and maintain order in the swimming venue in accordance with the LSC Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures. 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.

2. Pre-Meet Roles:

- a. Post several area maps showing location and phone number of nearest Hospital or Emergency clinic. (Post at main entrance to natatorium and at least one other appropriate location.)
- b. Post several copies during the swim meet a map showing the location of the:
 - First Aid Station
 - Spinal Backboard
 - Blankets/towels
 - Rescue implements
- c. Perform a detailed walk through of the meet facilities to identify potential hazard areas (such as slip areas, head bangers, trip hazards, etc.). Take corrective action for all identified hazard areas.
- d. Review safety checklist with Meet Referee.

3. During the Swim Meet:

- a. The Safety Marshal shall enforce the warm-up procedures and maintain order in the swimming venue in accordance with the LSC Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures, including any separate warm-up/warm-down area used during the meet.
- b. The Safety Marshal should be clearly visible by wearing a fluorescent vest prior to and during the meet.
- c. The Safety Marshal shall insure the "First Aid Station" is identified and accessible throughout the meet.
- d. Approximately every two hours, the Safety Marshal shall walk through all areas of the meet to identify potential hazards (horseplay, slippery floors, etc.).
- e. Upon being advised by any person, (parent, swimmer, coach, ...) of a safety hazard, the Safety Marshal shall investigate and take immediate action to correct the hazard.
- f. Each accident requires that a Report of Occurrence form be completed.

4. Post Meet:

- a. The Safety Marshal shall ensure that completed Report of Occurrence forms are submitted to USA Swimming, Peak Insurance Group, and the LSC Safety Coordinator.
- b. The Safety Marshal shall ensure that any hazards to be corrected by facility personnel are reported to facility management.

