

start and the turn end, the space around the starter/ referee station, and the space behind the starting blocks.

7. If there is a **general warm-down pool** that is used during competition, it must be observed at all times. General warm-up procedures with circle swimming is permitted. No diving is permitted. Intentional splashing, water games, and other in-water activities are not permitted in warm-down pool during the swim meet.
8. Check in the locker rooms and bathrooms. If there is any inappropriate or unsafe behavior in the locker room, ask the individuals to stop it immediately and notify the Meet Referee or Meet Director if the behavior does not cease at once.
9. No shaving is permitted anywhere in this venue. If shaving is observed, the individuals should be brought to the attention of the Meet Referee or Meet Director as this is usually grounds for removal from the meet. Obtain the name of the child, if possible.
10. If you observe an injury in the swimming pool venue, make sure that an adult stays with the injured person. Notify the Meet Referee or Meet Director at once of any injuries. You may be asked to assist with the completion of the accident report. (NOTE: First aid is the responsibility of the facility personnel. They are paid to perform this service, and you are not.)
11. The Marshal has the full authority to provide a warning or order inappropriate behavior to cease and desist, and with the agreement of the Meet Referee, to have removed from the swimming venue any person who behaves in an unsafe manner and/or whose actions disrupt the orderly conduct of the meet.
12. If you observe any behavior that is or may be illegal (possession of items that may be construed as weapons, adults showing an unusual interest in children, etc.) notify the Meet Referee or Meet Director at once. To remain in an area so that you can continue monitoring the individual (s), you may need to send someone else with a message. The Meet Referee and / or Meet Director, in consultation with facility personnel, will contact the appropriate law enforcement authorities, if necessary. DO NOT INTERJECT yourself into a potentially dangerous situation.
13. Know where the exit doors, first aid station, and flashlights are located. Know where the General Facility Rules are posted.
14. As a Marshal, you should be present throughout the conduct of the session, from beginning of warm-ups to the completion of warm-downs at the end of the session. With two Marshals on deck, one Marshal should remain on the swimming pool deck attending to any behavior issues, while the other Marshal makes walking rounds through the venue, checking the bathrooms and locker rooms, adjacent gym or other gathering room(s), and any other spaces associated with the swimming pool venue.
15. When you take a break (and you will need one!!), make sure the other Marshal is aware of this and that she/he is in a position to cover you. Drink plenty of water, and do partake of the Host Team's Hospitality Room snacks.

Again, THANK YOU for serving as Marshal !!!

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