



Volunteering at GCSC

1st March 2015





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- GCSC is run by a Committee made up of parents volunteering their time to ensure our children swim in a friendly and professional environment.
- Alongside formal roles (8 committee roles and 9 sub committee roles) there are a number of other opportunities for parents to get involved on a ad-hoc basis.
- We support volunteers in achieving ASA recognised qualifications (e.g. Officials and Team Managers).
- Volunteering benefits you and your child and ultimately is the only way the club can run effectively.
- Volunteering helps with understanding the sport and supporting your child in achieving his/her goals



Volunteer of the month

- The Committee recognizes the efforts of volunteers through the 'Volunteer of the month' program.
- All members can nominate individuals who they feel are worthy of recognition.
- Each month nominations will be reviewed and voted for at the Committee Meeting.
- Examples from the last couple of months:
 - ✓ **Paul Carter** for his support and hard work behind the scenes at the October GSCS Open Meet
 - ✓ **Charlotte Hepburn** for her continued support, reliability and enthusiasm assisting on poolside with SSK6
 - ✓ **Sarah Fielder** for her outstanding coordination and submission of Swim 21 for accreditation





Open Meets

- Our Open meets are highly regarded across the county for their smooth running and professionalism.
- All meets run solely thanks to GCSC parents.
- We currently run 4 meets a year (September Sprint, October, April and July)
- For the younger children we also host one of the Four Season Gala sessions (December) at GL1
- Throughout the year our swimmers are involved in a number of meets including Counties, Districts and Nationals. We need team managers for these meets to ensure swimmers are supported throughout the meet

Open Meets Roles



Role	Description
Announcer	Is involved throughout the sessions providing information as directed by the referee or meet organiser.
Control Room	Compares electronic results with timekeeper results and alerts referee when there is a significant discrepancy
Warm up Marshalls	Together with the announcer make sure the swimmers abide by the rules of the warm up
Door	Man a table outside the spectator area; collect fee and sells raffles tickets
Pool side drinks	Makes up drinks and takes them round to all the poolside officials and volunteers
Medal Desk	Prepares and hands out medals
Competitor steward	Checks in swimmers as they report
Team Managers	See below
Officials	See below



Team managers



- Team managers are on pool side whether the team is swimming at home or at an away meet.
- Their primary role is to ensure that swimmers are ready and prepared for their events.
- They ensure that swimmers wear correct club clothing, keep warm, eat and drink at the correct intervals and maintain behaviour/discipline amongst swimmers
- An evening course is available and runs a couple of times a year depending on how many people are interested in attending.
- The club sustains all costs related to the training so there is an expectation for parents who attend to volunteer in this role at least once a year.



Training Officials



- There exists a number of qualifications for officials: J1, J2, J2S and referee.
- These roles are required for all licensed meets.
- Training consists of a 2 hours initial sessions and poolside practice alongside a qualified official at meets and a final exam.
- The club supports the training
- The club pays all costs involved.



Other Galas



- Every year we run two internal Galas:
 - Club Champs & Christmas Gala
- Both are organised by parents and the captains
- Both involve the entire club and parents can explore roles described earlier in an informal way

