



Volunteer Commitment Form

Volunteering for the MYST is a great way to get involved with the swim team! You can meet other parents, get to know the swimmers, and even get up-close to the swimming action on the pool deck. We have many opportunities for you to fulfill your volunteer commitment to the team. These include, but are not limited to: home meets, parties, serving on the parent board, and even officiating! Volunteering is very important to the success of the team. Without volunteers, the swim team could not function, and our kids would have fewer opportunities to swim closer to home.

It is ***expected*** that **ALL** families will volunteer at the meets hosted by MYST. All of these meets are “home” meets except one. This one exception is our Conference Championship meet, co-hosted with Tri-Cities YMCA at Grand Haven High School.

You may be asking, how do I sign up to be a volunteer? It’s easy: by having a child on the team you’re already signed up! It’s really as simple as 1 – 2 – 3. Here’s how it works.

- 1) Pay the required program fee to the YMCA, (or set up a payment plan).
- 2) Submit a USA Swimming application and payment for each swimmer to the head coach. USA Swimming membership is required of all MYST members. The swimmer may practice, but may NOT compete in ANY meet, unless the application and payment has been received.
- 3) You will also need to turn in a signed copy of your Volunteer Commitment Form. Your USA Swimming application will only be accepted with a signed, Volunteer Commitment Form. So please make sure you have both ready to turn in at the beginning of the season before the meets start.

Once these steps are complete, your swimmer becomes an official member of the MYST swim. At least one member, not necessarily both parents, from each family needs to volunteer at the MYST-hosted meets. (Responsible older siblings may also volunteer to meet the family’s obligations.)

Below, and on the back of this page is a list of our hosted meets and some simple swim-meet job descriptions. You do not need to volunteer for all of hosted meets. Simply choose one session for the MYST Pentathlon, and then either the home meet against Tri-Y and Lansing, or one of the sessions of the Conference Meet. If your family would like to volunteer for all of the meets/sessions, that’s OK too! Check them all!! Next, rank the three jobs in which you are most interested, with #1 being your favorite. We will provide, as needed, any training required to fulfill the job. Our Meet Manager will attempt to assign your family member in one of your preferred meets and areas of serving. Once the volunteer assignments are posted and you find that you cannot volunteer for that particular meet or session, it is your responsibility to work with the Meet Manager to find your replacement. In addition, we will provide temporary coverage so that any parent who cannot see the meet while volunteering will be able to watch their swimmer(s) so they will not miss out by volunteering.

First choose one (1) session of the MYST Pentathlon, held on November 14 2009, at MHS.

_____ Session 1 (12 & Under Boys, and 10 & Under Girls, 8:00AM – 12:00PM)

_____ Session 2 (13 & Over Boys, and 11 & Over Girls, 12:00 PM – 4:00PM)

Second, choose one (1) of the following meets/sessions:

- _____ MYST vs. Tri-Y & Ionia (12:00PM – 4:00 PM)
- _____ Conference Meet Session 1 (12 & Under Boys, and 10 & Under Girls, 8:00AM – 12:00PM)
- _____ Conference Meet Session 2 (13 & Over Boys, and 11 & Over Girls, 12:00 PM – 4:00PM)

Third, rank your three (3) areas of interest and rank them with one (1) being your favorite.

- _____ Head Timer – In charge of instructing timers; runs two back-up watches to assist timers.
- _____ Lead Lane Timer – Use a simple stopwatch to back-up the electronic timing system.
- _____ Assistant Lane Timer – Use a simple stopwatch to back-up the electronic timing
- _____ Marshalling – Organize the swimmers to get them ready for their next event.
- _____ Concessions – Collects money, and serves simple concession-type food and beverages.
- _____ Officiating – Starts the meet or judges strokes, turns, starts, and finishes (special training and certification is required).
- _____ Scoring & Timing – Runs the electronic timing system and operates a laptop computer.
- _____ Green Room Supervisor – Provides supervision and monitors the swimmers waiting in separate location away from the pool deck.
- _____ Awards Distribution - Organize awards for MYST and the opposing team.
- _____ “I will serve in any area where I’m needed.”

By signing this form, my family understands that we are expected to volunteer at MYST hosted swim meets, and we may be asked to volunteer for other MYST functions that are not swim meets. My family understands that it is our responsibility to work with the Meet Manager to find a replacement for functions that we cannot attend.

_____ Family Representative

_____ Date

List Swimmer(s) names below: