

Ovens and Murray District Swimming Association

Team Coach – Duties and Responsibilities for NSW & Vic. Meets

The duties and responsibilities of the Team Coach are as follows.

To represent the O&M committee in all aspects of coaching and competitive swimming and make decisions appropriate to the situation employing all available resources at your disposal to ensure the safe participation and return of team members and support staff by;

- Engender ESPRIT de CORPS (Team regard for honour & interests of O&M)
- Provide advice and instruction on all technical aspects of swimming and interpretation of the rules of swimming as they apply to each stroke, event or the competition on the day.
- Motivate and maintain a positive and competitive team spirit.
- Advise the successful swimmers of the events for which they have been selected prior to departure (in person, phone, text or email).
- Ensure all swimmers are entered in the correct event.
- Direct all swimmers to swim in the events for which they have been programmed to swim.
- Should a swimmer be unable to compete in the programmed event due to sickness or injury (including relays) the coach shall select an alternative swimmer within the rules of the meet. No swimmer shall be withdrawn from any event for which they have been programmed to swim other than in the above circumstances.
- Completing relay team sheets (should be predetermined but may require updating depending on availability of swimmers on the day).
- Ensure as far as practical that all swimmers wear an O&M representative cap (compulsory at some pools).and swimwear complying with the rules of swimming.
- Encourage and support the younger swimmers ensuring they know the location of the Marshalling area, Marshalling board, the time line for the programme and procedures particular to the meet in question.
- Maintain notes and report on the team performance at conclusion of the meet.
- Have all swimmers report to the coach on completion of each event to gauge performance and provide feedback.
- Liaise with the team manager.

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