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#### **VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

### **Runners – 2 Marlins Volunteers**

- Runner 1 Flip Chart
  - Maintain the event number flip chart, located outside near the swimmers
  - o Communicate with DJ/Announcer as needed
  - Walkie Talkie needed
- Runner 2 Locker Room Entrance
  - Work closely with callers located within the locker room
  - o Communicate with Runner 1 when the next events are needed
  - Walkie Talkie needed

#### <u>Callers – 2 Marlins Volunteers, 2 Visitor Volunteers</u>

- Callers 1 and 2 Locker Room
  - o One caller per 4 row section
  - Organize swimmers by event, heat and lane assignment
  - o Call out swimmer's name and indicate the row and seat per swimmer
- Callers 3 and 4 Pool Deck
  - o One caller per 4 row section
  - o Organize swimmers by event, heat and lane assignment
  - o Swimmers will be entering the pool deck in line from lane 8 to lane 1.
  - Call the swimmers to their assigned seat beginning with lane/seat 8 (the seat furthest from the locker room entrance) and work backwards to lane 1 swimmer.
  - o Fill the right section of seats first, then the left.
  - o As swimmers move from the green bench, have the back rows move down.

### <u>Seaters – 6 Marlins Volunteers, 2 Visitor Volunteers</u>

- Seater 1 Locker Room Seater :
  - Assist with moving swimmers ahead in the ready bench area
  - o Lead the first row to pool deck entrance starting with lane 8 and in line down to lane 1.
  - o Work with seater 2 at pool deck entrance to maintain the flow of swimmers.
- Seater 2 Pool Deck Entrance:
  - o Maintain flow of swimmers entering the pool deck based on the needs of the callers on deck.
  - o Swimmers should be entering the pool deck starting with lane 8 and ending with lane 1.
  - o Before releasing swimmers onto the pool deck, review the flow of traffic as swimmers move from the pool side ready bench to the starting blocks.
  - Work with seater 1 from the locker room to maintain the flow of swimmers.

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#### Seaters 3 – 6 – Chairs behind the Starting Blocks:

- Seater Location By Event and Age Group
  - Ages 10 and Under
    - Individual events will require seaters on the bulkhead
    - Relay events will require seaters at each end of the pool
      - o Relay swimmers 1 and 3 will go to the pool side blocks
      - Relay swimmers 2 and 4 will go to the bulk head blocks
  - Ages 11 and Older
    - Individual events All seaters will move to area behind the scribes and timers.
    - Relay events All seaters will move to area behind the scribes and timers.
- Each seater will be responsible for:
  - two lanes during individual events
  - lanes as needed for relay events
- o Confirm swimmer by event, heat and lane assignment and relay swim order as needed.
- Swimmer should sit in chair behind starting block
- o If no swimmer in that heat, indicate by placing the orange cone on the chair (only needed on bulkhead)
- o After the buzzer sounds and the swimmers are racing, quickly move the swimmers from the chairs forward to the side of the starting blocks in preparation for their race.
  - Orange cones should be moved up to the starting block as the heat moves up.
- Quickly repeat process with the next set of swimmers.

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- Seaters 7 and 8 Transition from Pool Side Ready Bench to Appropriate Ends of Pool
  - Maintain that flow of events/ heats as they move forward to the seating behind the ready blocks
    - Ages 10 and Under -
      - **Individual Events:** 
        - Place the next event/heat, in line from 1 to 8, on the pool deck next to the bulk head.
      - **Relay Events:** 
        - O Swimmers 1 and 3: walk in a line from 1 to 8, down to the pool side starting blocks and hand off to seaters.
        - o Swimmers 2 and 4: place in line from 1 to 8, on the pool deck next to the bulk head.
    - Ages 11 thru 14
      - **Individual Events:** 
        - O Walk swimmers per event/heat in a line from 1 to 8, down to the pool side starting blocks and hand off to seaters working the lane assignments.
      - Relay Events:
        - Walk swimmers per event and team in a line from lane 1 to 8, down to the pool side starting blocks and hand off to seaters working the lane assignments.
    - Ages 15 and older
      - Release them from ready bench as needed to keep the meet moving and to open ready bench seating for the younger swimmers.