



Timekeeping Calculations & Requirements

The obligation to provide a timekeeper is created the minute you nominate your swimmer. **When there are enough swimmers nominated from a club, that club must supply sufficient timekeepers to cover their nominations.** Here is a simplified calculation of how meet hosts calculate it:

- Total swimmers attending Logan Vikings = **322**
- Total swimmers nominated from Redlands = **31**
- Redlands Swim Club must provide $31/322 =$ **approx 10% of timekeepers**

So for a 3 hour (180min) swim meet, each lane will require 4 sessions of timekeepers – this assumes each session lasts 45mins each ($180/45 = 4$).

In a 10 lane pool, if Redlands has to provide 10% of timekeepers, that means we will timekeep 1 lane ($10\% \times 10 \text{ lanes} = 1 \text{ lane}$) for the duration of the swim meet.

This is an obligation of only 8 timekeepers vs 31 Redlands swimmers.

Why is this a strict requirement?

This is not just a club request—it is an official rule.

Under the Swimming Australia Technical Rules (Section SW 1.2), manual timekeepers are a **mandatory** backup system to ensure accurate timing. For a Preparation Meet to be sanctioned by Swimming Queensland, clubs are strictly required to fill these roster seats to maintain official competition standards.

What happens if we do not fulfill our allocated shifts?

Failing to supply our rostered timekeepers carries serious consequences for both our swimmers and our club:

- **Swimmers' times will be wiped:** If our lane goes unstaffed, the timing protocols required by Swimming Queensland are broken. As a result, the meet's results will be rejected, and **none of our children's times will be uploaded to Swim Central** or counted for future championship qualifications.
- **Club Sanctions:** Under the Swimming Queensland By-Laws, clubs that fail to meet event hosting and entry conditions face **administrative penalties**. This includes **financial fines for Redlands Swim Club** or a refusal by the regional board to sanction meets hosted by our own club in the future.

Remember: if you nominate your child for a race, someone timekeeps them. Please return the courtesy.