



# Pool Leg Synopsis

This leg is well-suited for the final leg of the race, but can be used for middle legs as long as the time required to change out of wet clothes isn't a problem for you. It also backs onto the Park leg very well if you are using an outdoor pool in or near a park. While it is designed for a public pool, a private home pool can be used as long as there is a pool deck.\*

Leg begins with children assembled at poolside in swimwear. Roadblock competition is reviewed with racers prior to beginning. Roadblock requires them to fill a cup with pool water and transport it to the finish mat. Restrictions on how they can access the water and how they can carry the cups make their creativity an important asset.

Detour follows but is not a race (after all, they can't run on the pool deck); it is a task performance that they will either pass or fail. Should they fail, they fall to the bottom of the ordinals. The earlier they finish the Roadblock, the more choices they have in the available detour tasks (some are easier than others!).

Wildcard Dash – a nominee from each team (other than the first place team in this leg) sits poolside as the host scatters a handful of coins in the pool. Child who can collect exactly 18 cents within the time limit wins the 5 Wildcard points.

Estimated Time: 45 – 90 minutes, depending on number of teams  
Ordinal Delays: 5 seconds (or none if this is the first leg)  
Adults required: 2

## Supplies

String or chalk for Roadblock boundary (if necessary)

### For each team...

- Cup (16 oz plastic beer cup is ideal)
- Mini portion cup
- Sheet of paper towel
- Roadblock Instructions
- Detour Envelope containing Detour Instructions
- Dime, nickel, and 7 pennies

## Preparation

1. Visit pool to plan locations for Roadblock, Finish Mat, Wildcard
2. Obtain supplies and prepare Roadblock and Wildcard items (Roadblock handouts, cups, mini portion cups, paper towel, coins)
3. Print documents
4. Prepare Finish Mat

\* Several of the Detour options are only usable at a public pool, so if using a private home pool, those options should be eliminated in the planning process (i.e. crossed out on the Detour sheet), and other Detour challenges may need to be written in.