



CHIEF TIMER'S BRIEFING FOR TIMERS

Technical Points

- Assignments:
 - Lanes 1,3,5=One home team and two visiting team Timers;
 - Lanes 2,4,6=Two home team Timers and one visiting team Timer
 - Pair experienced and inexperienced Timers
 - Appoint Head Lane Timers
- How to determine official times
- Position of Timers at Start, behind swimmers, view of Starting Device
- Position of Timers at finish to include leaning over pool edge
- Pass out supplies (watches, clipboards, cards, pencils)
- Demonstrate how to start, stop and reset watch
- Start watch with strobe flash using index finger, stop watch when any part of swimmer's body touches end of pool
- (Note: it is **not** Timers' job to watch the legality of touches or strokes)
- Raise hand with watch if problem occurs with the watch, etc.
- Conduct time check with Starter and Timers
- Be in position at the conclusion of visiting team warm-ups
- Check for compliance with team cap rule
- Step back from pool edge before recording times
- Each lane timer views the recordings by the Head Lane Timer for correctness before clearing watch.

Head Lane Timer:

- Record times for assigned lane in the same order after each event
- Deliver time card to Chief/Asst Chief Timer after each event
- Confirm name(s) of swimmer(s) with entry card prior to event start
- Ensure four different swimmers participate in each relay

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- Be in position at 7:50 at the conclusion of visiting team warm-ups
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