



Referee Pre-meet Officials Meeting

- Introduce yourself and welcome visiting officials. Discuss any safety concerns that you might have – e.g., remind officials to drink plenty of water, rest during breaks, and use sunblock.
- Make sure provisional officials get form signed by meet referee
- Describe pool layout and show positioning of officials on deck.
- Describe jurisdiction for turn officials (both ends) and stroke officials.
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- If handicapped swimmers are present, describe how to judge
- DQ protocol, including:
 - Always give benefit of doubt to swimmer
 - Get hand up immediately if you see a violation
 - First priority is to relay DQ quickly to finish end (DQ writer).
 - Secondary responsibility is to report DQ to deck referee
 - DQ writer is responsible for an accurate description of infraction using rulebook terminology.
 - Always inform swimmer of DQ.
- Starting protocol, including:
 - Call up next head when last swimmer touches wall; don't wait for all swimmers to exit pool first!
 - Deck Referee's whistle (starter calls for missing swimmers first).
 - Starter instructions and start race.
 - Make sure deck referee is watching starts and that both deck referee and starter are prepared to recall false starts, starts where a swimmer(s) were not set, any other unfair starting conditions.
 - Remind starters that they can use the stand up command when needed to steady swimmers or prevent a false start.
- Relay take-off judging and protocol
- Assign officials to positions. Invite any questions from officials.