



## Referee Pre-meet Timers Meeting

- Introduce yourself and head timer and welcome visiting timers.
- 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 the scribe knows what to do (confirm swimmer's name, record all three watch times in same order; make sure times are entered on card even if a DQ). Circle intermediate time (after next heat is in water).
- Start the watches on the strobe flash, not on the sound.
- If you miss a start, call the Head Timer immediately for a backup watch.
- Always stop your watch immediately when any part of the swimmer touches the finish wall; don't need to worry if the finish is legal or not.
- **STAND AT DECK EDGE TO WATCH FINISH**; don't stand back to keep from getting wet.
- Never clear your watches until you hear the referee blow the whistle for the next heat or the Head Timer instructs you to clear your watches.
- Do not interfere with backstrokers on the way into the wall.
- Work with the officials in sharing the available deck space.
- If there is a problem that arises before the next race, please notify the referee on deck.
- What to do if no watches – next lane steps in.
- Please work quickly and keep up with the starter and referee protocol.