

Meet Director

- The Meet Director is responsible for calling a meeting of all officials and head coaches no later than 5:45 p.m. prior to the start of the meet.
- The Meet Director is in complete charge of the meet, adjudicates all disputes and has the final word in all matters subject only to a written protest as provided in the Competition Rules.
- The Meet Director calls the swimmers out of the pool and lets the Starter know when to call the next race.
- The Meet Director takes the information from the Stroke Judges and Touch Turn Judges regarding any disqualifications. The Meet Director then informs the coaches, the swimmer and the Scorekeepers what the swimmer did wrong.
- If there is a disqualification during a race, the Meet Director is responsible for re-shuffling place judges before swimmers leave the pool to accurately depict the finish of that race.

Starter

- Starters will wait for the Meet Director to tell them when to begin the next race.
- Starters will tell the swimmers at the end of the race when to get out of the water.
- The Starter will wait for all swimmers to be motionless before starting the race.
- The Starter will use a quick consistent cadence once swimmers are motionless.
- In the event of a false start, the starter will activate the false start mechanism on the starting device to recall the swimmers. If in the judgement of the meet director, the recalled swimmers need a break before they re-swim, the next available heat will be swim ahead of the heat where the infraction occurred. Otherwise the heat where the infraction occurred will immediately recommence.
- The meet director must notify the swimmer(s) who committed the infraction and identify which lane(s) have received their 1st warning. The swimmer(s) will be disqualified if there is a second infraction.

Stroke Judges:

- Report any infractions to the Meet Director.
- Stroke Judges are responsible for knowing all the appropriate strokes and kicks for each stroke swum in the meets.
- The Stroke Judges examine the swimmer's stroke from start to finish and signal any infraction by immediately raising a hand or waving a flag if provided with one.
- There shall be no disqualification in the 6 & Under through 7 – 8 age groups, unless, in the opinion of the Stroke Judge the swimmer has had an unfair advantage in swimming the stroke incorrectly.
- Stroke judges watch three lanes of the pool on the side closest to them. They move along the side of the pool as the swimmers swim the stroke.

Touch Turn Judges

- Report any infractions to the Meet Director
- Touch Turn Judges are responsible for knowing all the appropriate strokes for turns and finishes.
- Touch Turn Judges are responsible for watching the stroke as the swimmer enters the turn, the turn itself and the exit.
- Touch Turn Judges also watch the touch as the swimmers finish the race.
- Touch Turn Judges are responsible for watching for any false starts on the relay takeoffs.
- Touch Turn Judges signal any infraction immediately by raising their hand or waving a flag if provided.

Place Judges

- The Home team is responsible for places 2, 4, 6.
- The Visiting team is responsible for places 1, 3, 5.
- Each Judge calls his/her own place ONLY (for example, 1st calls 1st, 2nd calls 2nd, etc).
- At no time is it acceptable for a judge to call any other place finish except for the one they are responsible for (for example, 1st place calls 1st, 2nd and 3rd or 2nd place calls 1st, 2nd, and 3rd).
- If there is a close finish, a judge may refer to the next place judge to discuss in order to help determine who came in what place (for example, a close finish for 2nd and 3rd place may be discussed by the 2nd and 3rd place judges only; 1st and 3rd place judges do not discuss the finish).
- If the place judges cannot come to an agreement, only then can other place judges and the Meet Director come in and make an **opinion**.
- The Meet Director **cannot say**, “I saw it this way and this is how we are going to place the swimmers”. A meet director may be asked to mediate a conflict and facilitate a *final decision by the places judges*. The meet director does not have the final word. **Ties are an acceptable alternative and permitted by the league.**
- Under no circumstance will a stopwatch time or digital recording be considered by the place judges.
- Timers may not interfere with this position or call out times to places judges.