

Meet Referee

This person has the full and complete responsibility for the fair, expeditious and impartial conduct of the swim meet competition. The Meet Referee must have been certified by the league as a stroke and turn judge for a minimum of two years and must have been active as an official for a minimum of three summer league dual meets within the previous twelve months. He/She inspects the pool before competition begins to ensure that the necessary equipment is properly in place and in compliance with the safety rules and procedure. The Meet Referee also assigns stroke, turn, finish and relay takeoff judges as necessary, and reviews responsibilities and jurisdictions as required. The Meet Referee may overrule any other official on a point of interpretation or on a judgment decision pertaining to any action he/she personally observes.

Starter

Once swimmers in a race report to their blocks, the Starter assumes full control for the start. As soon as the swimmers have taken a legal position, the Starter announces the stroke and distance to be swum (EX. "Girls, Six and Under 25 Yard Freestyle") and, after a short pause, command the swimmers to "take your mark". It is the primarily the Starter's responsibility to ensure that the starts are fair. A race officially begins when the Referee or Starter sounds a starting horn or whistle as soon as the swimmers are in legal positions on the blocks, on the deck, or in the water.

Stroke Judge

The Stroke Judge operates along either side of the pool and inspects the strokes in their respective halves of the course. Stroke activity is observed from end wall to end wall, and on observing a violation, will raise one hand with the palm open. Violations are reported immediately to the meet referee upon completion of the race. Generally the Stroke Judge who made the call will notify the swimmer and explain the nature of the violation and disqualification. Stroke Judges often assume the duties of the Turn and Finish Judges.

Turn Judge

The Turn Judge shall inspect the strokes from the backstroke flags to the end wall, the turn, and the strokes out to the backstroke flags. On observing a violation, the duties are the same as the Stroke Judge.

Finish Judge

The Finish Judge shall inspect the strokes from the backstroke flags to the end wall and the legality of the swimmers touch at the finish. On observing a violation, the duties are the same as the Stroke Judge.