

SAIL CHIEF TIMER MEET REMINDER

Thank you for timing/recording

Lane 1, 3, 5 (7): Visitors recorders

Lane 2, 4, 6 (8): Home recorders

Head Lane Timer / Recorders:

- Swimmer's cards come from the swimmer or a runner. A card is not required to start a race.
- Verify swimmers to card and to lane.
- Designate timers as A, B, and C for recording purposes and assign a Head Lane Timer to monitor that watch times are close.
- Record all watch times.
- Don't use another swimmer's card to record a time. Notify the chief timer immediately if the card and the swimmer don't match.
- Verify relay swimmers order agrees with card. report out of order swims to stroke & turn judge or referee.
- Initial time card.
- Allow officials to write DQ information on card.
- Clear watches.
- If "time spread" exceeds 0.25 - 0.30 seconds consistently, notify chief timer.
- A runner will pick up the card.

Timers:

- Start watch when you see the strobe light flash.
- Start watch even if you have no swimmer in your lane.
- Check to see watch is running.
- Raise hand if you feel you missed a start.
- Be ready for the touch; don't anticipate. Position yourself "over" the edge of the pool.
- Remember the touch can occur above, at or below the water surface.
- Don't worry if the touch is legal or not.
- After the touch, deposit your watch on the recorder's table, and pick up the cleared watch. Do this quickly; don't wait for recorder to record times.
- No coaching or inappropriate cheering of swimmers.

Assistant Chief Timer:

- In charge of lane 4, 5, 6, (5, 6, 7, 8)
- Give indication to chief timer when your lanes are ready.
- Start watch when you see the strobe light flash.

Dive-overs:

- Typically, 11 and up only.
- The referee decides when swimmers go, not the chief timer.
- After the touch, swimmer will hug the wall.
- Next swimmer will be already on block for start.
- You may need to have both watches in hand if it's a close race.
- Deposit the watch with the time on the recording timer's table after the next swimmer starts.