

## Referee Meet Information

### Prior to Meet

Lanes properly marked. Right to left = 1 to 6.  
Backstroke flags of alternating colors in place.  
Meter pools: 6'5" from end, 5'11" to 8'3" above water surface  
Yard pools: 15' from end 7' above water.  
Lane ropes - 15-meter markers [49' 2.5"]  
Skimmers properly blocked.  
Ladders removed unless in wall.  
Coaches' area is clearly identified.  
Pool roped off.  
Water depth is 3'5" at starting blocks.  
Starting blocks - Platform - 18" above water and backstroke grips - 12" above water  
SAIL Handbook and Bylaws available.  
USA Swimming Rule Book available.

### Clerk of Course / Computer Operations and Records

Introduce yourself to the head clerk of course, head of records and computer operator.  
Spot-check cards and event sheets.

### Assistant Referee, Deck Referee, Starter, and Stroke & Turn

**30 Minutes**

Verify names.

Review rules and ask for questions. Use the Recommended Stroke Briefing.

Assign jurisdiction except during breaststroke. For relay takeoffs, the side S&T judges can be used but the end S&T judges will have jurisdiction to the middle of the pool

Hold swimmers if disqualified.

Relay take off will be dual confirmation. Start end - referee, starter, recall starter, side S&T. Opposite end - assist referee, and 3 S&T. 3 lane responsibility. Confirmation forms will be picked up.

Disqualification - Raise hand. Call in disqualification on headsets. All officials must have rulebook.

False starts

**No false starts to the field.**

Dual confirmation of starter and deck referee is required in writing.

8 and under - warning at first meet only. Written on card.

Remember - Call only what you see, not what you think you saw.

Any questions?

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### Timers and Recording Timers

**20 Minutes**

Introduce Starter, Deck Referee and Chief Timer.  
Strobe light & beeper for start signal.  
Does everyone know his or her assignments?  
Signal Chief Timer if a replacement watch is needed.  
Recording Timers verify swimmer name and record times. Do not circle middle time.  
Encouragement should be limited to the swimmers in your lane.  
Starter will conduct watch test - 0.25 to 0.3 seconds.  
Timer briefing conducted by Starter or Chief Timer.  
Any Questions?

### Coaches & Sail Reps.

**10 Minutes**

Introductions and names.  
Standards of conduct and fairness to be followed.  
Clerk of course area - no coaches without permission.  
Coaching of swimmers in start area is not permitted.  
Any handicapped swimmers?  
Whistle usage prior to the start of each heat.  
Meet finish time 10:00 PM unless by agreement to extend and under proper lighting.  
Questions only to the referee or assistant referee.  
Pool lighting rules to be enforced (check with life guard or SAIL representative).  
Any questions?

### Start of Meet

SAIL Rep Announcements

Announcements

Welcome all swimmers, parents and friends

No Smoking or Alcoholic Beverages

When the whistle is blown, quiet please for the start of the heat.

### Infractions

What did you see?

What is the rule?

Where were you?

### Records

Spot-check cards and times.

### Relays & False Starts

Collect and verify false starts - Dual confirmation required.