

Timer Instructions

Thank you for being a timer today. Your position is one of great importance. While we do use an electronic timing system, in order to run a sanctioned and efficient meet, we also need manual timers to act as a safeguard and backup for this system.

Mechanics of Timing

- Each lane will have two timers. One will have a stopwatch and clipboard for manually recording times. One will have a stopwatch and the plunger.
- For the stopwatch, think 'Start, Stop, Reset'. Press the start button at the start of the race. Press the same button to stop the watch. Record time. Press the reset button to clear/reset the watch.
- If you have the clipboard, confirm swimmers name matches the Timer Sheet (see below for example) and be sure they are in the correct heat/lane before they get up on the block. If there is confusion about who is seeded for a heat, please make it known to the Starter prior to the start of the race. If there is no time to check with the Starter, record their name and let them swim. Then correct later with the Starter.
- At the start of each heat, have a clear view of the Starter and the starting strobe light. When you see the light, start your watch.
- At the end of a race, step close to the pool so you have a clear view of the wall, and when any part of the swimmers body touches the wall, stop the watch and the plunger (if you have one). If the swimmer in the lane misses the timing pad or has a delayed touch, please mark the Soft Touch square on the Timer Sheet.
- For the person with the clipboard, record the time on your watch and that of your timing partner. Please do this in the same order for each race.
- If something has gone wrong with your stopwatch, raise your hand to call for a running stopwatch from the Back-up Timer.
- At the end of each event, a "Runner" will pick up the completed timing documents from you.
- Alert: you will probably be splashed at some point during the meet, so please dress accordingly.

Timer Sheet

Event 24 Men's 200 Meter Butterfly Finals					Soft Touch?			
Lane 5	Heat 1	Banner, Bruce A 33	PX3-WI	NT	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lane 5	Heat 2	Duck, Donald D 26	SEA-WI	1:52.09	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lane 5	Heat 3	Kent, Clark 30	WEST-WI	1:52.03	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lane 5	Heat 4	Curry, Arthur A 29	PX3-WI	1:51.51	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Example Timer Sheet