OBSERVATION OF APPRENTICE STARTER

NAME OF MEET: _____________________________________________________
DATE: ___________________

PERSON OBSERVED: ____________________________________________
VENUE: ___________________

NAME OF OBSERVER: ____________________________________________

# OF STARTS: ___________________

INSTRUCTIONS
For the starter candidate: Please arrange with the meet referee in advance to be evaluated. For your final evaluation you will also need to arrange to have it performed by an Officials Committee member or other authorized evaluator. Provide your evaluator with this form and collect it after the meet. Ask your evaluator any questions you may have. Accept any constructive criticism in the spirit it is intended. This is a learning process. There is no failing grade. You will need to receive a “1” recommendation on your final evaluation. Over the course of your apprenticeship you must be evaluated by (at least) two different evaluators and at (at least) two different venues. Once you have received all of your evaluations forward copies of the forms to Ed Miller.

For the evaluator: Please fill out this form and share your observations with the candidate. Provide a written comment for any “3” level marks. Any criterion for which NA is not an option must be part of the evaluation (e.g. disabled athlete hand signals). Try to observe the apprentice do the timers briefing – this is a requirement as part of the final evaluation.

Interpretation of ratings: 1 At the level of a certified starter 2 At the level of a successful candidate (on track for certification) 3 In need of additional work NA Situation not faced by the candidate

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Pre-Meet
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Timer Briefing
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Preparation: checked mic, strobe, scoreboard (ready indicator), speakers, pads
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Reviewed method for false starts

Comments (required for any “3” rating):

Starts
☐ ☐ ☐ Accepted control of field from referee
☐ ☐ ☐ Positioning on the deck for forward and backstroke starts
☐ ☐ ☐ Focus
☐ ☐ ☐ Poise/Patience
☐ ☐ ☐ Assertiveness
☐ ☐ ☐ Voice: Spacing
☐ ☐ ☐ Voice: Appropriate pauses
☐ ☐ ☐ Voice: Conversational
☐ ☐ ☐ Stand-ups used appropriately
☐ ☐ ☐ Observed false starts
☐ ☐ ☐ Followed protocol for observed false starts
☐ ☐ ☐ Correctly executed necessary recalls
☐ ☐ ☐ Watched the pool after the start
☐ ☐ ☐ Backstroke starts
☐ ☐ ☐ Corrected toes up on backstroke starts
☐ ☐ ☐ Worked well with younger swimmers
☐ ☐ ☐ Worked well with older swimmers
☐ ☐ ☐ Handled in-the-water/from-the-deck starts
☐ ☐ ☐ Used disabled athlete hand signals (required even without an athlete who needs them)
**Other Starter Duties**

- [ ] Took and provided order of finish
- [ ] Lap counting – kept track of the field
- [ ] Ranged bell appropriately

**Miscellaneous**

- [ ] Helped referee as second pair of eyes
- [ ] Adjusted well to unexpected circumstances and accepted suggestions well
- [ ] Adapted to two pool format

**RECOMMENDATION**

- [ ] 1. Ready to be considered for starter certification
- [ ] 2. Successful performance, on track for certification
- [ ] 3. Needs additional work before being considered for certification

**SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER:** __________________________________________

**E-MAIL:** __________________________________________________________