

TIMERS' BRIEFING

Welcome to the Officials team for this session of the meet! As an official for this session, you will want to do your best to assure the swimmers an accurate time for their swims. We hope you enjoy helping this meet run smoothly. If you are interested in becoming a permanent member of the Officials team please convey your interest to the Meet Referee.

Please turn off/silence cell phones and they **MUST** remain in your pocket

Review stopwatch operation – use your trigger finger not your thumb

Timer with clipboard is to determine they have the correct swimmer in the right heat. If there is confusion about who is seeded for a heat please get the referee's attention. If a swimmer insists that they are to swim that heat let them – it can be sorted out later.

Be in position to see the strobe light and start the watch at the instant of seeing the light. If the light cannot be seen start the watch upon hearing the starting signal.

Stand directly over the lane at the finish to observe the touch. Stop the watch when any part of the swimmers body touches the wall.

The lane timer with the clipboard will have only one watch. The other lane timer will operate one watch and the automatic button (very important).

Record both watch times to the hundredths place. Also note 'no shows', delayed touches, or missed touches on the pad.

Please do not initiate conversation with swimmers – they should be thinking about their race. Answer any questions they may have as quickly as possible.

Don't hesitate to tell the swimmers to move in order to observe the finish.

Please tell all swimmers to remain in the water until the next heat has started (flyovers)

Thank you for donating your valuable time to help our swimmers at this meet.

