

RADIO PROTOCOL

1) Radio Protocol for Possible Disqualifications:

Chief Judge: While walking towards the official with a raised hand say, "Possible disqualification start/turn end, lanes 1-3; stroke judge lane 1/8 side."

Deck Referee says nothing; makes a notation on his/her heat sheet.

Chief Judge calls a second time, "Lane 2."

Deck Referee says nothing; marks the lane on the heat sheet.

Chief Judge radios in, "Possible disqualification, event #, heat #, lane 2 for delay of initiating the turn, independent kicks; recommend disqualification." Keep the description brief, but be prepared to answer any questions from the deck referee.

Deck Referee says, "I will accept/confirm the disqualification for event #, heat #, lane 2 for delay of initiating the turn." The deck referee does not need to say anything else to the chief judge or the administrative referee/official unless there are further questions. The deck referee should make a note of the DQ on the heat sheet.

Chief Judge: After the swimmer has been notified say, "Swimmer in heat #, lane 2 notified."

Deck Referee says, "Thank you."

(When the deck referee receives the DQ slip, he/she does not need to say anything on the radio. Check the DQ slip for accuracy, sign it and give it back to the chief judge in the starter area. The chief judge will give the DQ slip to the administrative referee/official).

2) Radio Protocol for Open Lanes:

The deck referee should check his/her heat sheet before each heat to see how many swimmers are expected. When the deck referee blows the long whistle to invite the swimmers onto the blocks/into the water, make a mental note of the no shows/DFS. Immediately after the start of the heat and before the swimmers reach the first turn, the:

Deck Referee radios (if it is the first heat of an event), Event #, heat 1, no show/DFS, lane #. If it is a subsequent heat in the same event, just say, "Heat #, no show/DFS, lane #."

Administrative Referee/Official: "Thank you."

Deck Referee marks the no show/DFS on the heat sheet.

Chief Judge gives the DFS to deck referee after the start of the heat.

Deck Referee reviews the DQ slip for accuracy, signs it and gives it back to the chief judge in the starter area. The chief judge will give the DFS slip to the administrative referee/official.

3) Radio Protocol When Closing Out an Event:

After the last heat of the event is finished and all DQ slips have been received and signed, the presiding:

Deck Referee radios the administrative referee/official, "Event # is now closed with # no shows, # DFS's and # DQ's."

Administrative Referee/Official: "Thank you."

(The deck referee should record the starting time of the event on their heat sheet. **After** closing the event, mark the starting time on the time line that is sometimes posted near the starting area).

4) Radio Protocol for Relays:

After the 4th swimmer of the last team leaves the blocks in lanes 1-4/lanes 5-8, the

Chief Judges check with the side judges. If there is not an indication (an X) of a possible early take-off, the

Chief Judges say, "Lanes 1-4/5-8 clear."

When the both chief judges have reported in, the

Deck Referee says, "Lanes 1-8, all clear."

Administrative Referee/Official: "Thank you."

If there is an indication (an X) of a possible early take-off, the

Chief Judges: Collect the relay take-off slip from the side judge and say, "Possible early take-off lane #, swimmer #" while walking over to the lane judge.

Deck Referee says nothing, but makes a notation on their heat sheet.

Chief Judge calls in a second time, "I have a dual confirmed early take-off event #, lane #, swimmer #, recommend disqualification; or, lanes 1-4/5-8 clear."

Deck Referee: "I will accept/confirm the disqualification for event #, lane #, swimmer # for an early take-off."

Chief Judge: After one member of the team has been notified say, "Heat #, lane #, team notified."

Deck Referee: "Thank you."