

Rules for Scoring

I. For each heat, check that all place judges were in agreement on the order of finish of that heat.

Note: If any of the top three places have only a single place judge slip available, get the order of finish from the meet director and use that as a second place judge slip. Follow the normal procedures described below. If he/she does not have the finish and the official times of the swimmers are compatible with the single place slip, use that order of finish. Otherwise, the meet director should decide, based on all information available, whether to call the race a tie, or to designate the order of finish based on the times, (e.g., if the times are close, a tie is preferable.)

A. WHEN PLACE JUDGES AGREE

1. Check that the official times (determined by time-averagers) are consistent with the place judges' decision.
2. If not, adjust the official times on the discrepant cards as the average time of those swimmers and write 'PJ' by that time.
3. Sort cards from fastest to slowest, keeping the proper order of cards involved in place judge decisions.
4. Mark the cards with the correct place in that heat. Remember that the place judge decision takes precedence over the swimmers' times, i.e., identical times within a heat are a tie only if the place judges call it that way or they do not agree on the order of finish.
5. Set these cards aside until all heats for this event have been sorted, then go to step II.

B. WHEN PLACE JUDGES DISAGREE

6. Check whether the meet director observed and recorded the order of finish of that heat.
7. If the meet director's order of finish matches one of the place judge decisions, that shall be the official order of finish for the heat.
8. Go back to section A: WHEN PLACE JUDGES AGREE and perform steps 1-5. If the meet director did not record the order of finish, or if his/her order matches none of the place judges, a tie between the disputed lanes is declared.
9. Times for all tied lanes are averaged, with the average assigned as the official time for all lanes.
10. Write 'tie-PJ' by the official time.
11. Go back to section A: WHEN PLACE JUDGES AGREE and perform steps 1-5.

II. Determine order of finish for the event by the following:

1. Merge heats by time until the 6 fastest swimmers for each event have been determined.
2. If two swimmers have identical times and swam in different heats, they are considered to have tied
3. If two swimmers have identical times and swam in the same heat, they may or may not have tied depending on the place judge decision.
4. Write the event places on these 6 cards, giving identical places to tied swimmers and skipping place(s) following the tie, e.g., if two swimmers tie for first, no second place would be assigned; the next card after the first two would get third place.
5. Whenever a tie is involved, write 'tie' by the event place.