

Flyover Starts 2006-7

Use of Flyover Starts:

1. Effective October 2006, flyover starts will be used for all Short Course Meets and any Long Course Meets that are not using chase starts.
2. Flyover starts will be used for all age groups and all levels of competition.
3. Flyover starts will be used for Freestyle, Breaststroke, Butterfly, and Individual Medley events. Flyovers will NOT be used for any Backstroke events nor any relay events.
4. Flyover starts will not be used for any events during the Finals sessions of any Prelim/Finals Meet.
5. At the discretion of the Technical Planning Committee Chairman, or his designee, the use of flyover starts may be waived, if the meet session is short enough that the use of flyover starts would be unnecessary.

Procedures:

1. The swimmer finishing in the pool:
 - a. All swimmers in the current heat must remain in the water, unless otherwise instructed by the Deck Referee (includes swimmers that have no one on the block for the following heat).
 - b. After completion of the race, the swimmer must remain in the water, remain still and quiet, so as not to distract the swimmer on the starting block.
 - c. The swimmer shall exit the pool promptly only after the following heat has entered the pool.
2. The swimmer in the next heat:
 - a. The swimmers will be called to the starting blocks by the normal whistle protocol (series of short whistle blasts) when the last swimmer in the current heat passes beneath the backstroke flags.
 - b. The swimmers will be stepped up onto the blocks (long whistle) when the last swimmer in the current heat touches the wall at the finish.

Meet Invitation Language:

This meet will be run using the "Flyover Start" procedures unless a waiver is received from the Technical Planning Committee Chairman. At the conclusion of each heat, the swimmers shall remain in the water until after the next heat is started. Coaches, please remind your swimmers of the "Flyover Start" procedures.