Event/Heat Announcing for Preliminary Events and Timed Finals

*For the first heat of an event:*

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| **Referee:** | 4‐5 whistle blasts. |
| **Announcer:** | “Event (*number), (gender), (distance), (stroke)*. Heat 1. Swimmer behind your block Mr./Mrs. Referee” |
| **Referee:** | 1 long whistle blast. Additional long whistle blast if backstroke or medley relay. |
| **Starter:** | “Take your mark.” Starting signal. |
|  | *Swimmers swim…* |

*For subsequent heats of the same event:*

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| **Referee:** | 4‐5 whistle blasts. |
| **Announcer:** | “Heat *(number)* Swimmer behind your block Mr./Mrs. Referee”.” *(Starting with heat 2, only the heat # is announced. Do not announce gender, distance, or stroke.)* |
| **Referee:** | 1 long whistle blast. Additional long whistle blast if backstroke or medley relay. |
| **Starter:** | “Take your mark.” Starting signal. |
|  | *Swimmers swim….* |
| *Continue in this pattern until all heats of this event have been swum.* |

*After all heats of a given heat have been swum, recycle back to the first heat of the next event.*

**Notes:**

* The announcement of event #, gender, distance and stroke should immediately follow the 4‐5 whistle blast.
* Use the singular for distance (yard, not yards; meter not meters).
* Use the complete event name, not an abbreviation (individual medley, not IM; freestyle, not free; breaststroke, not breast; backstroke, not back; butterfly, not fly or butter).
* 1st, 2nd, 3rd final call should be for events only and not heats (Goal to provide 15 min at 1st call. 10 min at 2nd call and 5 min at 3rd call)

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