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that relay swimmers are swimming in the order listed or that corrections to the order are made. If there is confusion about who is seeded for a heat, please make it known to the referee prior to the start of the race.

2. Timers should be in position to see and start the watch at the instant of observing the visual starting signal. If the visual starting signal is not observed, start the watch upon hearing the sound of the signal.

3. One timer will be responsible for using the stop watch as well as the semi-automatic button (also known as the pickle) The pickle is only pushed at the finish and **NOT** on the start of the race.

4. Stand directly over the assigned lane at the finish to observe a touch above, at or below the surface of the water.

Stop the watch and the pickle when any part of the swimmer’s body touches the wall.

6. In addition to using a stopwatch, one timer in each lane will be responsible for writing the watch times on the timer sheet. **Do not write the time from the scoreboard on the sheet.** Record on your timer sheet if a swimmer has missed the touch pad, or a soft touch.

7. Lane Timers may operate both one watch and one pickle, but may not operate two watches.

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