

HEAD TIMER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Lead the Pre-meet gathering.
2. Simulate a start and stop for timers and ask them to compare their times within each lane for consistency.
3. Assure communication with the starter prior to each event.
 - a. Stop the starter if the times for the preceding race have not been recorded or if there is a mismatch between the announced swimmer(s) and actual swimmers.
 - b. The starter must always make eye contact with the “head” timer to assure lane timers are prepared.
4. “Catchers” for 6 & under swimmers
 - a. Confirm coaches have provided “catchers” with safety instructions for the swimmers in their lane.
 - b. Remind “catchers” to wait until the swimmer has broken the plane of the finish line before they touch a swimmer who is not in distress.
 - c. Check for “Catchers” in *ALL* lanes for the 6 & under swimmers prior to start of first event.
5. Ensure swimmers do not obstruct timers as they gather for upcoming events or cheer during a race.
6. Run two watches during each event; have a third available as a backup for a lane timer to use in the event of a stopwatch malfunction issue.
7. Have pencils / pens available if needed.
8. Assure the timers receive hospitality beverages at appropriate intervals.