

Colorado Timing Meet Setup Tips

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Pre-Meet Tasks:

- If you plan on renting the Gulf Equipment for your meet be sure to reserve the equipment two weeks in advance of your meet.
- Determine what type of configuration you will require at your meet. Will you be finishing all races at the same end of the pool? Will you have 25 yd. Events, or will you be running a meet with chase starts. Several example setup configurations are included in this packet for reference.
- The Colorado 5000 timing Console will need to be programmed with your meet event format, this can be done manually or downloaded from the Hytek database on your pc.
- Review the setups on the Colorado 5000 Timing Console, the previous team may have the lanes reversed, or if you have the first short course meet of the season the units may still be set to meters rather than yards. Once you have the console configured to your pool, take a few minutes to document the settings for future reference.
- After setup perform a thorough test of the timing system at least (2) hours in advance of the meet start. This will allow time to diagnose or make unexpected repairs if needed.
- I recommend placing the touchpads in the pool prior to warm-ups. This allows plenty of time to check out everything and insure it is operating properly. Most damage to the touchpad is incurred during handling.
- Test the touchpads and backup buttons when activity is low in the pool. During warm-ups the frequent touches on the pads will confuse the console and cause erratic results, resulting in false readings from the backup buttons or touchpads.
- During testing set the event on the Colorado 5000 Timing Console to an invalid event number. If tested on a valid event number, the race will be initialized, eventually resulting in the times for valid race on that event not being available to the computer.
- Be sure all connections are secure, particularly the SCSI connector from the touchpad cable to the back of the Colorado 5000. Many times if this connection is not secure, it will appear a touchpad is not registering touches when in fact the primary cable is not plugged in properly to the console.

During the Meet:

- It is a good practice to turn on the Display on the Colorado 5000 during the course of the meet. This will show you if all the backup buttons are being pressed or if one may not be working.
- In the event of a recalled race, but sure and reset the console within 10 seconds of the start to avoid initializing the race. If you know the race went longer than 10 seconds, you may change to a different heat number or edit the event and re-specify the event, heat # so it can be reused.