



Event/Heat Announcing for Preliminary Events and Timed Finals

*For the first heat of an event:*

<b>Referee:</b>	4-5 whistle blasts.
<b>Announcer:</b>	"Event ( <i>number</i> ), ( <i>gender</i> ), ( <i>distance</i> ), ( <i>stroke</i> ). Heat 1. Swimmer behind your block Mr./Mrs. Referee"
<b>Referee:</b>	1 long whistle blast. Additional long whistle blast if backstroke or medley relay.
<b>Starter:</b>	"Take your mark." Starting signal.
	<i>Swimmers swim...</i>

*For subsequent heats of the same event:*

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

*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).
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> final call should be for events only and not heats (Goal to provide 15 min at 1<sup>st</sup> call. 10 min at 2<sup>nd</sup> call and 5 min at 3<sup>rd</sup> call)