

RADIO PROTOCOL WITHOUT CHIEF JUDGES



1) Radio Protocol for Possible Disqualifications:

Stroke & Turn Official: “Possible disqualification start/turn end, lanes #; stroke judge lane # for delay of initiating the turn (State the rule infraction first and then describe what was observed). The swimmer turned from his/her back to the breast, took a single arm stroke, the arm came to rest at the swimmer’s side and they continued gliding/kicking into the wall for approximately three feet before executing any type of turning motion; recommend disqualification.”

Deck Referee says, “I will accept/confirm the disqualification for event #, heat #, lane 2 for delay of initiating the turn. Please write the slip and notify the swimmer.” The deck referee does not need to say anything else to the official or the administrative referee/official unless there are further questions. The deck referee should make a note of the DQ on the heat sheet.

Stroke & Turn Official says, “Swimmer in heat #, lane 2 notified.”

Deck Referee says, “Thank you.”

(When the deck referee receives the DQ slip, he/she does not need to say anything on the radio).

2) Radio Protocol for Open Lanes:

The deck referee should check their heat sheet before each heat to see how many swimmers are expected. When the deck referee blows the long whistle to invite the swimmers onto the blocks/into the water, make a mental note of the no shows/DFS. Immediately after the start of the heat, the:

Deck Referee radios (If it is the first heat of an event), Event #, heat 1, no show/DFS, lane #. If it is a subsequent heat in the same event, just say, “Heat #, no show/DFS, lane #.”

Administrative Referee/Official, “Thank you.”

Deck Referee marks the no show/DFS on the heat sheet.

The Deck Referee signs the DFS slip and gives it to the administrative referee/official.

3) Radio Protocol When Closing Out an Event:

After the last heat of the event is finished, the presiding:

Deck Referee radios the administrative referee/official, “Event # is now closed with # no shows, # DFS’s and # DQ’s.”

Administrative Referee/Official, “Thank you.”

(The deck referee should record the starting time on their heat sheet at the beginning of the event in which they are presiding. After closing the event, mark the starting time on the time line that is sometimes posted near the starting area).

4) Radio Protocol for Relays:

After the 4th swimmer of the last team leaves the blocks in lanes 1-4 and lanes 5-8, the:

Side Judge says, “Lanes 1-4/5-8 clear.”

When the both side judges have reported in, the:

Deck Referee says, “Lanes 1-8, all clear.”

Administrative Referee/Official, “Thank you.”

Side Judge says, “Possible early take-off lane #, swimmer #” and walks over to the lane judge to see if there is a dual confirmed early take-off.

Deck Referee says nothing, but makes a notation on their heat sheet.

Side Judge calls in a second time, “We have a dual confirmed early take-off event #, lane #, swimmer #, recommend disqualification; or, lanes 1-4, 5-8 clear.”

Deck Referee, “I will accept/confirm the disqualification for event#, lane #, swimmer # for an early take-off. Please write the slip and notify the team; or, lanes 1-8, all clear.”

Stroke & Turn Official, “Heat #, lane #, team notified.”

Deck Referee, “Thank you.”