WAVE AQUATICS
TIMERS' INSTRUCTIONS

- **VERIFY EVERY SWIMMER'S NAME** before the start, preferably during the previous heat. If your swimmer hasn't shown up – look around, call out the swimmer's or relay team's name.
- **VERIFY ORDER** of relay swimmers
- **Deck entered swimmers** SHOULD bring you a pink copy of a Deck Entry card showing that they are properly deck entered in that event/heat/lane.
  - **Write the** name of deck entered swimmers on the Lane Timer Sheet
  - If they have forgotten their deck entry card, ask their name and write it as above
- Click the watch on the **starting strobe light**, not the sound.
- **If your watch doesn't start,** or you're having a problem, **raise your hand and yell "Backup!"** –the backup timer will come give you a running watch.
- **HOLD ONTO RELAY CARDS –** a runner will retrieve the cards after each relay event. Please do not write the time on the cards; write time on the lane timer sheets.
- **The touch pad is the primary timing system.**
- The black rubber button, or "pickle", is the secondary timing system. Click it only at the **end of the race, together with your watch.**
  - Don't try to anticipate the finish. Rely on your normal reaction time.
- The watch is the tertiary (3rd) timing system; watch times used only if touch-pad and pickle fail or don't agree.
- Step to edge of pool to get finish; position yourself to look straight down at end of pool
- Stop your watch when ANY part of the swimmer's body touches the wall OR crosses the finish plane
- Be sure to reset your watch after every race.
- **The chairs are yours** – they aren't for swimmers or their towels unless you feel like letting them use them.
- The area between your chair and the pool is _**your house**_ – keep swimmers out who are blocking your vision or anyone's access to the pool.

Review:

Verify the name –

Click the watch at the start –watch the strobe.

Click the pickle button and the watch together at the finish –

Write it down –

Reset –

Use the chairs.

Ask swimmers to wait behind the blocks until their heat is called.