

HEAD TIMER RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. Assure the assignment of Lane Timers to lanes and the designation of one timer on each lane to be the Head Lane Timer or Recorder. Make sure soft touches and DQ's are written on timer sheet.*
- 2. On the visual starting signal, start watches on every race. The time of this watch shall be used if a Lane Timer's watch fails.*
- 3. Be responsible for having a runner deliver all manual watch times, including those of disqualified swimmers along with the slip, to the office.*

LANE TIMERS:

- 1. Be in position at the start to have an unobstructed view and shall start the watch at the instant of observing the visual starting signal. If not observed, the watch shall be started upon hearing the sound of the horn.*
- 2. Stand directly over the assigned lane at the finish to observe a touch above, at, or below the surface of the water and stop the watch and/or push the pickle when any part of the swimmer's body touches the wall.*
- 3. Report the time to the Recorder, report if a late or missed pad touch, or soft touch is observed and, if requested, present the watch for inspection. Write on timer sheet soft touch or DQ if applicable.*
- 4. Make sure you count the correct number of lengths.*
- 5. Lane timers shall not clear their watches until the Referee signals that the next heat is ready to start with a series of short whistles.*

5. Keep count of number of laps swum, especially in the long races. It is your responsibility to know when the swimmer is on the final length, to ensure an accurate time.