

## TIMERS' BRIEFING NOTES

- **Thank you!** With your help and attention today, each swimmer will receive a fair and accurate official time for their hard work
- **before each race**, timer with clipboard please call and verify name of next swimmer, report problems **immediately** to Referee / officials
- [describe and enumerate equipment]
- **at the start**, observe strobe and start watch(es) at flash; **DO NOT** push other buttons
- please start watch(es) for every race even if lane is empty, in case needed as backup [**test start**]
- **after the start**, it is very important to check your watch(es) **immediately** for a good start and correct operation
- if you miss the start, or the watch malfunctions, wave it overhead at **Head Timer** [**introduce**]
- **during the race**, please keep track of the distance so you don't miss the finish or stop too soon
- again, please check for next swimmer in your lane
  
- **for the finish** come forward, look directly down the wall (don't stand past edge or on gutters)
- each timer should stop 1 button and/or 1 watch, but never 2 buttons or 2 watches at once
- stop watch(es) and buttons when any part of swimmer touches (legally or not) [**3-2-1-STOP; please activate pad for this test only**]
- be careful not to anticipate the touch; wait for a definite touch of the wall by the swimmer
- **after the finish** step back, quickly record watch time(s) next to the correct swimmer's name
- if a watch time is bad or missing, **never** record a scoreboard time – it may be wrong! Write NT so we can determine correct official time later
- also note any late or missed touchpad touch
- reset watch(es) after single long whistle.
- (**other**: fly-over starts? starts from 2 ends and/or courses? 1-length events? relays?)
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