

Stroke & Turn Judge

Checklist

I. RULES & INTERPRETATIONS

- Stroke and Turn - Know and understand all the applicable rules and official interpretations for each stroke - Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Freestyle, Individual Medley, Medley Relays.
- Relay Early Take Off Judging
 - Understands observation protocol – Departure then touch. (Toes then Fingers)
 - Single confirmation procedure
 - Dual confirmation procedure
 - Positioning
- Swimmers with a Disability – Understand how USA Swimming rules apply to swimmers with properly documented permanent disabilities.

II. MEET OPERATIONS

- Appearance and Dress
- Duties
 - Arrives before designated briefing and assignment time and checks in
 - Reports promptly for the officials meeting when announced
 - Reports to assigned position on time, works full session, returns from relief on time. Takes relief when scheduled.
- Equipment - Understands use of Radios for communication. Can use radios.
- Attentiveness – Focus on swimmers when in assigned jurisdiction.
- Clarity and accuracy of reporting DQ's.
- Calls all infractions regardless of age of swimmers - **Benefit of the doubt goes to the swimmer.**
- Respects and supports all decisions of the Referee and fellow officials.
- Understands Jurisdictions - Set by Meet Referee – Turn Judging, Stroke Judging, dual.
- Positioning & Procedures
 - Start end
 - Turn end
 - Stroke – Single and dual coverage (lag/lead) on each side (Middle/Center of pool)
 - Understand balanced and even coverage
- Lane Timer and Head Lane Timer duties, if assigned.

III. DISQUALIFICATIONS

- Procedure
 - Observe not scrutinize
 - Raise hand/arm straight up (w/certainty but not enthusiasm) 5-10 Seconds
 - Note on heat sheet
 - Can communicate on radio (per USA Swimming guidelines)
 - Can Write DQ slip, including notes such as which hand touched first in Non-Simultaneous touch, etc.
 - Notify the swimmer at the end of heat (Start end)
- Communications w/Swimmers
 - Friendly, Compassionate, Sympathetic (Share their suffering)
 - "You disqualified yourself by..."*
 - Inform - Don't coach
 - Understand use of Chief Judges and their general function
- Confirmation/Inquires - Be aware, and understand that the Referee or a Chief Judge may want more information regarding a call - what was observed, where it was seen, position of observer, and what rule was broken.
 - Parents, spectators - politely redirects them to the swimmer's coach if they have questions.
 - Coaches – generally, politely ask them to talk to the Referee.