

# OFFICIALS' BRIEFING

- **Assignments**
- **Pool and Personnel Specifics**
- **Deck Protocol**
- **Special Information**

## **FREESTYLE**

**START** - Forward Start

**BODY POSITION** - No restriction upon body position, except... if submerged at start and turns, head must break the water surface by the 15 meter mark

**STROKE** - Any stroke style may be used

**KICK** - Any kick style may be used

**TURN/FINISH** - Some part of the body must touch the end of the racing course at a turn and finish

## **BACKSTROKE**

**START** – Start in the water with back to the course... feet or toes may not be in or bent over the edge of the gutter if one is present

**BODY POSITION** – Must swim “on the back”, except for turns... if submerged at the start and turns, head must break the water surface by the 15 meter mark

**STROKE** – Any stroke style may be used

**KICK** – Any kick style may be used

**TURN/FINISH** – Some part of the body must touch the end of the racing course at a turn and finish. The swimmer **MAY** turn onto the breast while executing the turn if the turning motion is continuous...**MAY** be submerged at the finish touch

## **BREASTSTROKE**

**START** – Forward start

**BODY POSITION** – Must swim “on the breast”...**MAY** have one pull and kick while fully submerged...also **MAY** use one “downward” butterfly kick with or following the pull, and prior to the breaststroke kick, **MAY** be submerged (not required)... head must break the water surface before hands turn inward at widest part of second stroke

**STROKE** – Arms shall move simultaneously and in same horizontal plane, not alternating... hands recovered under, on or over water from the breast... elbows under the water except at touch of turns and finish....head must break surface during each “stroke cycle”

**KICK** – All vertical and horizontal movements must be simultaneous...feet turned out...scissors, flutter or downward butterfly kick not permitted, (one exception permitted)

**TURN/FINISH** – Body must be on the breast; the touch is made with both hands simultaneously... head **MAY** be submerged after the last arm pull prior to the touch, provided it breaks the surface of the water at some point during the last complete or incomplete cycle preceding the touch.

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## BUTTERFLY

**START** – Forward start

**BODY POSITION** – Must swim “on the breast”... if submerged at start and following turns, head must break surface by 15 meter mark

**STROKE** – One “arm pull” under water is allowed which must bring the swimmer to the surface... arms must be brought forward over the water and recovered simultaneously

**KICK** – All up and down movement of feet and legs must be simultaneous... feet and legs may not alternate... scissors or breaststroke kick is not permitted

**TURN/FINISH** – Body must be on the breast; the touch is made with both hands simultaneously

## INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

**START** – Forward start

**BODY POSITION** – Rules for each stroke apply

**STROKE** – Rules for each stroke apply

**KICK** – Rules for each stroke apply

**TURN/FINISH** – Intermediate turns conform to rules for that stroke...transition turns conform to finish rules for that stroke

## RELAY

**RELAY TAKEOFF** – Feet/foot must maintain contact with starting platform until incoming swimmer has touched wall/pad

## JURISDICTION

**STROKE JUDGE** – “Wall to wall”... from the start, to the finish.

**TURN JUDGE** – At the “start”... from the start of the race to the first complete arm stroke.... At the “turn”... from the beginning of the last arm stroke before touching, and ending with the completion of the first arm stroke after turning. At the “finish”....ensure that the swimmers finish according to rule

**REFEREE** – The Referee shall have full control and authority over all officials, approve their assignments, and instruct them...