

Chief Timer – The Chief Timer shall:

- (1) Assure the assignment of Lane Timers to lanes and the designation of one timer on each line to be the Head Lane Timer.
- (2) One the starting signal, start a watch(es) on every race. The time of this watch shall be used if a Lane Timer's watch fails.
- (3) Be responsible for delivering all manual watch times, including those of disqualified swimmers, to the Timing Judge.

Head Lane Timer – The Head Lane Timer shall:

- (1) Determine whether the swimmer or relay team is present and in the correct lane, heat and event, and that relay swimmers are swimming in the order listed.
- (2) Determine and record manual watch times or the absence of a swimmer or the relay team seeded in that lane.
- (3) Assign one timer to time relay splits and initial distance times if requested by the Chief Timer.
- (4) Report if the swimmer has delayed in touching or has missed the touch pad at the finish.

Lane Timers – Officials assigned as Lane Timers may simultaneously operate two dissimilar devices (one watch and one button) but not two similar devices (two watches or two buttons). It is not within the Lane Timers jurisdiction to judge if the swimmer's touch conforms to the applicable finish rules or if a relay take-off infraction has occurred unless assigned concurrent responsibility as a Lane Timer and Turn Judge or Relay Take-off Judge. Each timer shall:

- (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 neither is observed, the watch shall be started upon hearing the sound of the horn or gun.
- (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 semi-automatic system button when any part of the swimmer's body touches the wall.
- (3) **Report** the watch time to the Head Lane Timer or the designated recorder, report if a late or missed pad touch is observed; and, if requested, present the watch for inspection. Lane Timers shall not clear their watches until a command to "clear watches" is given or the Referee signals that the next heat is ready to start.

Chief Timer – The Chief Timer shall:

- (1) Assure the assignment of Lane Timers to lanes and the designation of one timer on each line to be the Head Lane Timer.
- (2) One the starting signal, start a watch(es) on every race. The time of this watch shall be used if a Lane Timer's watch fails.
- (3) Be responsible for delivering all manual watch times, including those of disqualified swimmers, to the Timing Judge.

Head Lane Timer – The Head Lane Timer shall:

- (1) Determine whether the swimmer or relay team is present and in the correct lane, heat and event, and that relay swimmers are swimming in the order listed.
- (2) Determine and record manual watch times or the absence of a swimmer or the relay team seeded in that lane.
- (3) Assign one timer to time relay splits and initial distance times if requested by the Chief Timer.
- (4) Report if the swimmer has delayed in touching or has missed the touch pad at the finish.

Lane Timers – Officials assigned as Lane Timers may simultaneously operate two dissimilar devices (one watch and one button) but not two similar devices (two watches or two buttons). It is not within the Lane Timers jurisdiction to judge if the swimmer's touch conforms to the applicable finish rules or if a relay take-off infraction has occurred unless assigned concurrent responsibility as a Lane Timer and Turn Judge or Relay Take-off Judge. Each timer shall:

- (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 neither is observed, the watch shall be started upon hearing the sound of the horn or gun.
- (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 semi-automatic system button when any part of the swimmer's body touches the wall.
- (3) **Report** the watch time to the Head Lane Timer or the designated recorder, report if a late or missed pad touch is observed; and, if requested, present the watch for inspection. Lane Timers shall not clear their watches until a command to "clear watches" is given or the Referee signals that the next heat is ready to start.

CHIEF TIMER

Chief Timer – The Chief Timer shall:

- (2) Assure the assignment of Lane Timers to lanes and the designation of one timer on each line to be the Head Lane Timer.
- (2) One the starting signal, start a watch(es) on every race. The time of this watch shall be used if a Lane Timer's watch fails.
- (3) Be responsible for delivering all manual watch times, including those of disqualified swimmers, to the Timing Judge.

Head Lane Timer – The Head Lane Timer shall:

- (1) Determine whether the swimmer or relay team is present and in the correct lane, heat and event, and that relay swimmers are swimming in the order listed.
- (2) Determine and record manual watch times or the absence of a swimmer or the relay team seeded in that lane.
- (3) Assign one timer to time relay splits and initial distance times if requested by the Chief Timer.
- (4) Report if the swimmer has delayed in touching or has missed the touch pad at the finish.

Lane Timers – Officials assigned as Lane Timers may simultaneously operate two dissimilar devices (one watch and one button) but not two similar devices (two watches or two buttons). It is not within the Lane Timers jurisdiction to judge if the swimmer's touch conforms to the applicable finish rules or if a relay take-off infraction has occurred unless assigned concurrent responsibility as a Lane Timer and Turn Judge or Relay Take-off Judge. Each timer shall:

- (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 neither is observed, the watch shall be started upon hearing the sound of the horn or gun.
- (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 semi-automatic system button when any part of the swimmer's body touches the wall.
- (3) **Report** the watch time to the Head Lane Timer or the designated recorder, report if a late or missed pad touch is observed; and, if requested, present the watch for inspection. Lane Timers shall not clear their watches until a command to "clear watches" is given or the Referee signals that the next heat is ready to start.