

Situations and Resolutions

The World of Grey



Group 1

MR, DR, Starters – What do you do?

1. Timers fail to push plungers or get an accurate time, plus the pads failed. Coach is concerned as there is no time on the scoreboard and he thinks his team broke the meet record, he was so excited he forgot to stop his watch.
2. The meet announcement has been sanctioned. Two and 1/2 months before the meet you hear coaches share their excitement that the time standards have been lowered. While discussing this with the Chair he mentions the possibility/probability of going to a 2-pool course. There is no mention of 2 pools in the meet announcement. It refers only to “flighting”.



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3. At championship meet during the relays, two Pom-Poms fall into Lane 3 from the observation deck up above. They hit the water when second swimmer in Lane 3 is nearby. Also, the Pom-Poms are the team colors for the team in Lane 4. What do you do?
4. There are 8 swimmers in the water competing in the 1650-yard freestyle. After the lead swimmer turns on lap 36, the entire facility loses power, no scoreboard, not lights, no pumps. What do you do?



Group 2

MR, DR, Starters – What do you do?

1. P/F meet & halfway through the prelim session you hear results announced, but the announcer does not state current time or when “scratch or intent to scratch deadline is”
2. A swimmer marked as a penalty NS enters the pool. The DR asks the swimmer to exit the pool. The swimmer is unaware of a NS or PNS, but exits the pool as requested. After the heat the coach wants to know why his swimmer was not allowed to race.
Preliminary investigation reveals the wrong swimmers were marked DFS and NS by Admin. The swimmer that was made to exit was actually NOT a NS or a PNS.



Group 2

MR, DR, Starters – What do you do?

3. A coach complains to the Referee that the Starter is “holding the swimmers too long” and asks that he be replaced. The Referee has been closely monitoring the starts, and considers the starts to be patient and fair. How should the situation be handled?
4. At a meet, the starter is periodically chit-chatting with the DR about S&T officials missing calls while the heats are in the water. Also in hospitality, other S&T Officials are discussing calls that occurred on deck.



Group 3

CJ & ST – Adjudicate the call

1. ST observes a swimmer with an illegal suit prior to a race. What should be done?
2. CJ adjudicates a Stroke call. During the conversation CJ, who is also a certified DR, states “that is not a call”. Then calls it into the DR as “no call”. Is this allowed?
3. A breaststroke swimmer moves his hands in a sculling or flipper movement at the end of the first arm stroke, both after the start and after the turn. Should he be disqualified?
4. A stroke judge observes significant water turbulence following every breaststroke kick taken by the swimmer in lane 4. Hand raised and call is butterfly kick during the swim. How would you adjudicate the call?



Group 4

CJ & ST – Adjudicate the call

1. A Coach comes up to a ST and notifies them her swimmer in the next heat breaststroke and is disabled as he sprained his left ankle and cannot turn his foot outward during the kick. Should the ST overlook the left foot because his is disabled?
2. A swimmer in the 100-yard butterfly moves too close to the right lane line. During the recovery portion of an arm stroke, his right arm hits the lane line, causing the right arm to trail the left arm over and into the water. However, the swimmer then pulls both arms back simultaneously during the propulsive portion of the arm stroke. The stroke judge raises her hand. Is this a call?



Group 4

CJ & ST – Adjudicate the call

3. At the local aquatic center, not all of the 15-meter buoys on the lane lines are aligned, and there is some variation between the lanes. At the start of the butterfly, the swimmer in lane 4 dives in and kicks underwater with a legal butterfly kick. His head does not break the surface of the water by the 15-meter buoy in his lane; however, he does break the surface of the water by the 15-meter marks in lanes 2 and 7. Should the swimmer be disqualified?
4. During the start of a butterfly race, a swimmer realizes that his suit has come loose. After taking a stroke, he simultaneously reaches back with both arms, pulls his suit forward, and recovers his arms over the water. Should the swimmer be disqualified? If so, what is the call?



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Bonus Questions

1. At the start of the 50-yard freestyle, the Referee blows the long whistle, indicating for the swimmers to step up onto the blocks. A swimmer is standing behind the block in lane 7, but does not step up. How should the situation be handled?
2. In the 100-yard freestyle, the Referee blows the long whistle, and the swimmer in lane 3 steps up onto the block with one foot towards the back of the block and his other foot a few inches away from the front of the block. Are the feet in an acceptable starting position?



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Bonus Questions

3. Championship final of the 100-yard butterfly, just prior to the starting signal, and after the “Take your mark,” command is given, the swimmer in lane 6 twitches his right knee, leaving his stationary starting position and diving into the pool. Reacting to this movement, the swimmer in lane 7 leaves his stationary starting position and dives into the pool. No starting signal has been given. After a significant delay, lanes 4, 5, & 3 all dive in. How should the situation be handled?

4. When the referee hands over the race to the starter, there is no swimmer in lane 8. After the start, a swimmer jumps off the block and into lane 8. How should the situation be handled?



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Bonus Questions

5. Backstroke event using ledges. Before the race, a swimmer removes the installed ledge and places his own ledge on the block. ST inquires, the swimmer says the guy in the white shirt on the corner said it was OK, what do you do?

Were you listening to Mary?

A former college swimmer is now a registered unattached USA Swimmer. He trains alone and not with any club. He wants to participated in VSI swim meets. Is he considered an “Applicable Adult”? Does he need to complete MAAPP training, why or why not?



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What is a False Start for 100 Alex?

1. Swimmer leaves the set or stationary position prior to the starting signal. The starting signal is then given. The race proceeds.
2. Swimmer leaves the set or stationary position prior to the starting signal. The swimmer upon realizing the early starting motion attempts to catch himself/herself.
3. Exactly the same facts as #2 above, but this time the Starter says “stand please” after the swimmer leaves the set or stationary position. The seven other swimmers stand while the offending swimmer struggles, but once again is unable to halt the forward motion and falls into the pool.



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What is a False Start for 200 Alex?

4. Exactly the same facts as scenarios #2 and #3 above. However, when the Starter gives the “stand please” command a swimmer(s) **other** than the offending swimmer instantly bolts from the blocks and enters the water.
5. The swimmer, upon hearing the command “take your mark” starts down to take a set or stationary position. The swimmer loses his/her balance before coming set and falls into the pool.

