

## VBSL Timer Briefing

- Good Morning and Welcome to [name of pool].
- I am [name of Referee] and I will be the Referee today.
- First, I want to thank you and most importantly the swimmers want to thank you for volunteering today and making this swim meet happen!
- As Timers, you have the most important job on deck.
  - Why? Swimmers are here for times not just my kids or your kids, but everyone's.
  - For swimmers to receive fair times they need timers that can pay attention for a swim meet that may last a total of 4 hours. Please keep that in mind while you are timing.
- We use three watches per lane. Additionally, someone in your lane will have a clipboard. That one person is the Head Lane timer.
  - Between the three of you decide who is Timer A, B and C. I'll explain that in a moment.
- The Head Lane timer will check the swimmer's name. By that, ask them their name vs "are you Susie?" Some kids will say yes to anything. Put a check mark by their name.
  - For the younger kids we will have extra parents and coaches attempting to keep the kids in the correct heats, especially for 25 yard/meter events.
- On the Start, step back from the edge of the pool deck. Watch the white strobe on top of the starter box, when it flashes, start the watch. After the start, check you watch and make sure it is running. If not, raise your hand and the Chief Timer will bring you a watch.
- For the Finish, step up to the edge of the pool and look down the wall. When any part of the swimmer's body touches the wall, stop the watch. Do not anticipate the touch, stop the watch when they hit the wall. Do not worry if they did not finish the stroke legally, that is the stroke and turn official's job.
- Back to Timer A, B and C. There are 3 lines on each lane slip, the head lane timer will record the times first with Timer A, B then C. This is to be repeated for each heat and is the best method to determining the appropriate time.
- After you stop your watch give your time, in the order of A, B, C and the head lane timer will record the times. If using manual watches, after times have been recorded, reset your watch. If you Dolphin watches, the watch will be reset by the Starter.
- If you forget to stop the watch, write NT in the appropriate slot.

- If we have a swimmer change, I will have the coach give you the swimmer's name.

#### Lane Assignments

Home Team: 1 timer in lanes 1,3,5

Visiting Team: 2 timers in lanes 1,3,5

Home Team: 2 timers in 2,4,6

Visiting Team: 1 timer in lanes 2,4,6

- If applicable: @ ½ time we will have an adult relay for a 10-min break, please return all clipboard and watches to the scorer's table under the tent.
- We will have water runners all day so please hydrate!
- Lastly, please no cell phones behind the blocks. If you need to make a call, please let the Chief Timer know and they will step in for you or find a replacement.
- Any Questions?
- Again, I thank you for your help and enjoy the swimming!