

PJSL Place Judge/Finish Judge Manual

In a swim meet, place judges/finish judges are responsible for determining the order in which swimmers finish a race. They observe the finish, noting which lane number came in first, second, third, and so on. At the dual meets, each team provides one place judge.

Key Responsibilities of a Place Judge:

1. Before the meet:

- Arrive at the pool at 5:15pm.
- A timer's Briefing will be given before the start of the swim meet.
- Pick up the clipboard at the statistician's table.

2. During the Meet Before Each Heat:

- Fill out the event number.
- Fill out the heat number.
- Sign each sheet.

3. Observe the Finish:

- Ask the referee where to stand.
- Focus on the finish of each race by noting the order in which swimmers touch the wall.

4. Record the Order of Finish:

- Write down the lane numbers in the order of finish. For example, if lane 3 finished first, lane 5 second, lane Four third, lane 2 fourth, lane Six fifth, and lane 1 sixth, the judge would record "3-5-4-2-6-1".
- The numbers from 1 to 6 represent the placings. The finish order will be recorded after the placing, which represents the lanes.

Correct Example

**PENN JERSEY SWIM LEAGUE
FINISH CARD**

EVENT # 5 ✓ HEAT # 1 ✓

PLACE	LANE
1	<u>3</u> ✓
2	<u>5</u> ✓
3	<u>4</u> ✓
4	<u>2</u> ✓
5	<u>6</u> ✓
6	<u>1</u> ✓

Judge Sign Your Name ✓

Incorrect Example

PENN JERSEY SWIM LEAGUE
FINISH CARD

EVENT # _____ X HEAT # _____ X

PLACE	LANE
1	<u>6</u> X
2	<u>4</u> X
3	<u>1</u> X
4	<u>3</u> X
5	<u>2</u> X
6	<u>5</u> X

Judge _____ X

5. During the Meet:

- Do not collaborate with anyone.
- Do not show results to anyone.
- Focus on the swimmers touching the wall at the finish.
- Observe as accurately as possible **the finish of the race.**
- If the pace judge sees a tie, write down the tie.
- Place judges do not require in-depth knowledge of swimming rules or techniques.
- Ensure a clear view of the finish line and all swimmers in the race.

For any questions, please refer to the referee.

Thank you for volunteering!!