



INTRODUCTION TO SWIMMING OFFICIATING

September 1, 2023

WELCOME



Welcome to Swimming Canada and the world of swimming officials.

- This clinic is the first step on the Swimming Canada certification pathway for officials.
- Swimmers train to compete and officials are needed to provide these competition opportunities.
- Being an active official and volunteering your time will help our swimmers in their development.
- Working with other swim officials may encourage you to progress from the local and regional pool deck to officiating at higher levels of competition.

WELCOME



The goal of any volunteer or official is to contribute to a fair, safe and positive environment.

The goal of this session is to:

1. Begin your journey as a swimming parent/official.
2. Understand the terms used at a swim meet.
3. Understand the role of the other officials on deck.
4. Understand the role of the coach.
5. Understand the key duties of a timekeeper.

EXCELLENCE IN OFFICIATING



- To ensure fair competition, we follow the rules set by Swimming Canada. These rules are based on the rules from World Aquatics and World Para Swimming (WPS).
- Officials apply the rules in a fair and impartial manner and communicate their interpretation effectively.
- In addition, there is a code of conduct that all officials are expected to follow.
- Some Provincial swimming organizations have their officials sign and acknowledge additional consent forms.

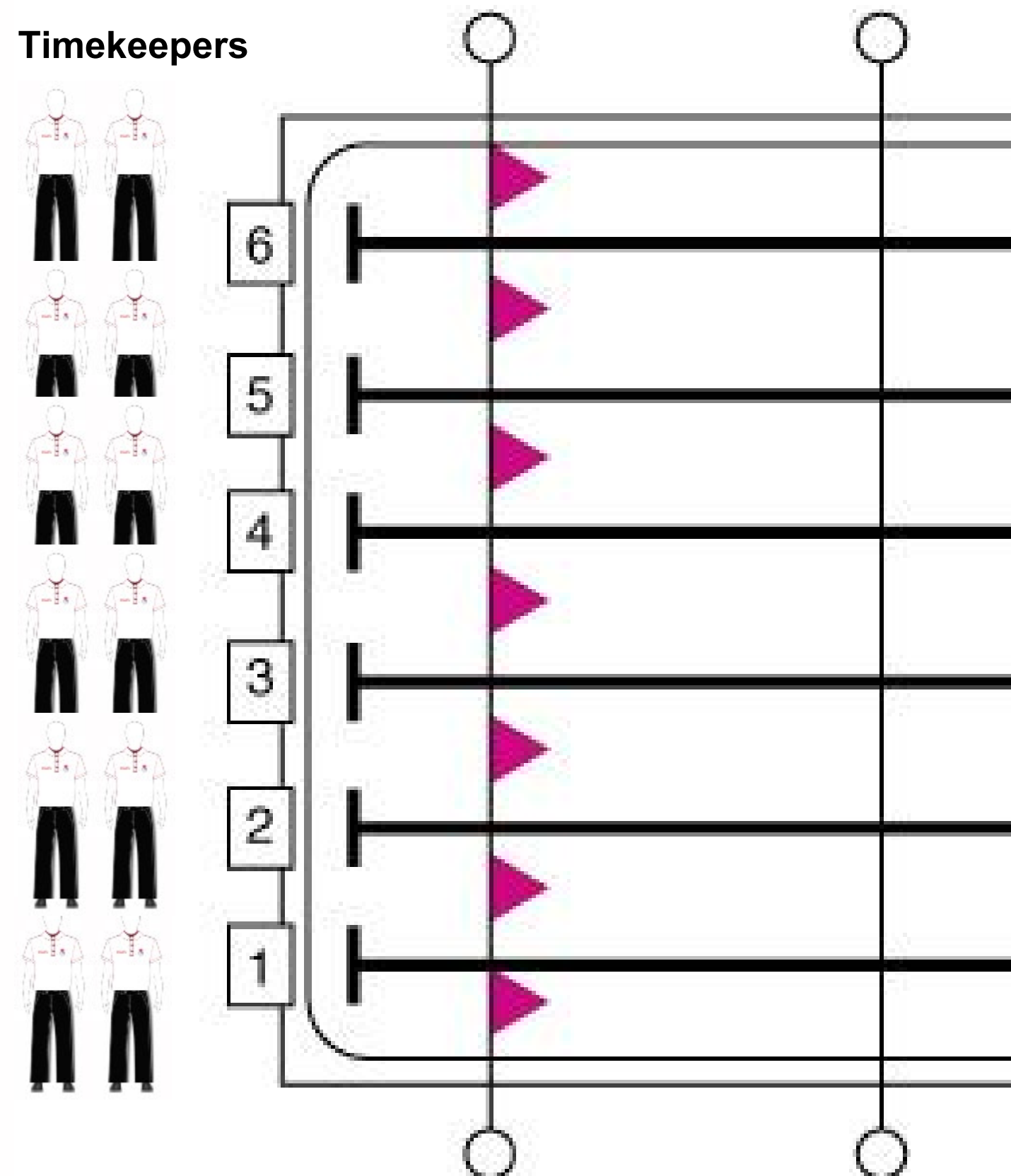


ROLES AT A SWIM MEET

OFFICIALS ON THE POOL DECK



Timekeepers are located behind the starting blocks of their respective lanes at the start/finish end of the pool.

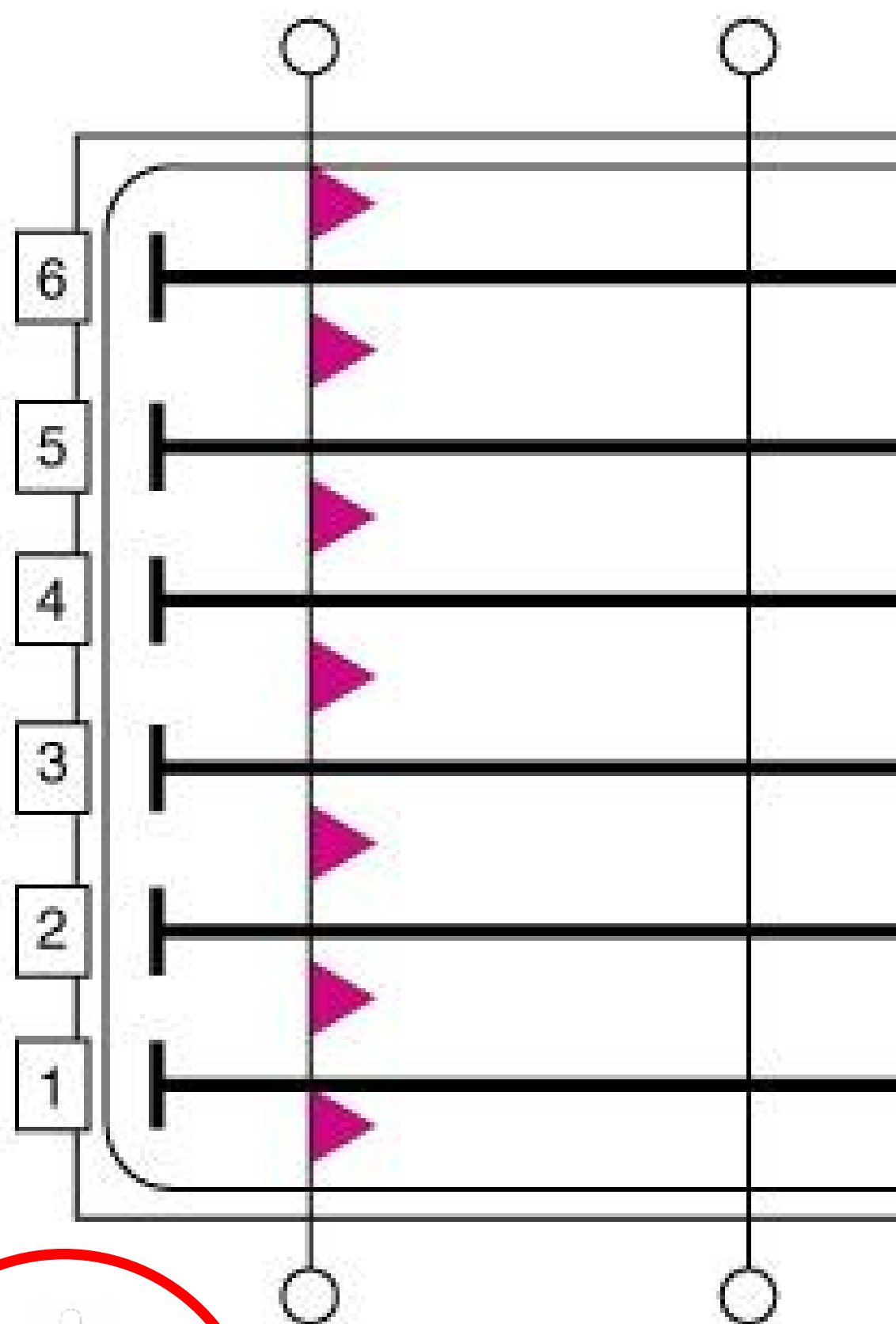


- Timers are responsible for the timing of swimmers using the semi-automatic timing equipment (plungers) and/or watches.
- Two timers per lane are generally required for a session.
- After this clinic, you will be qualified to volunteer as a timer at the next swim meet.

OFFICIALS ON THE POOL DECK



Timekeepers



Chief Timer

The **Chief Timekeeper (CT)** is there to help you as a timekeeper and provide backup as necessary.

- The Chief Timekeeper may be assisted by an Assistant Chief Timekeeper, with each taking responsibility for half the lanes.

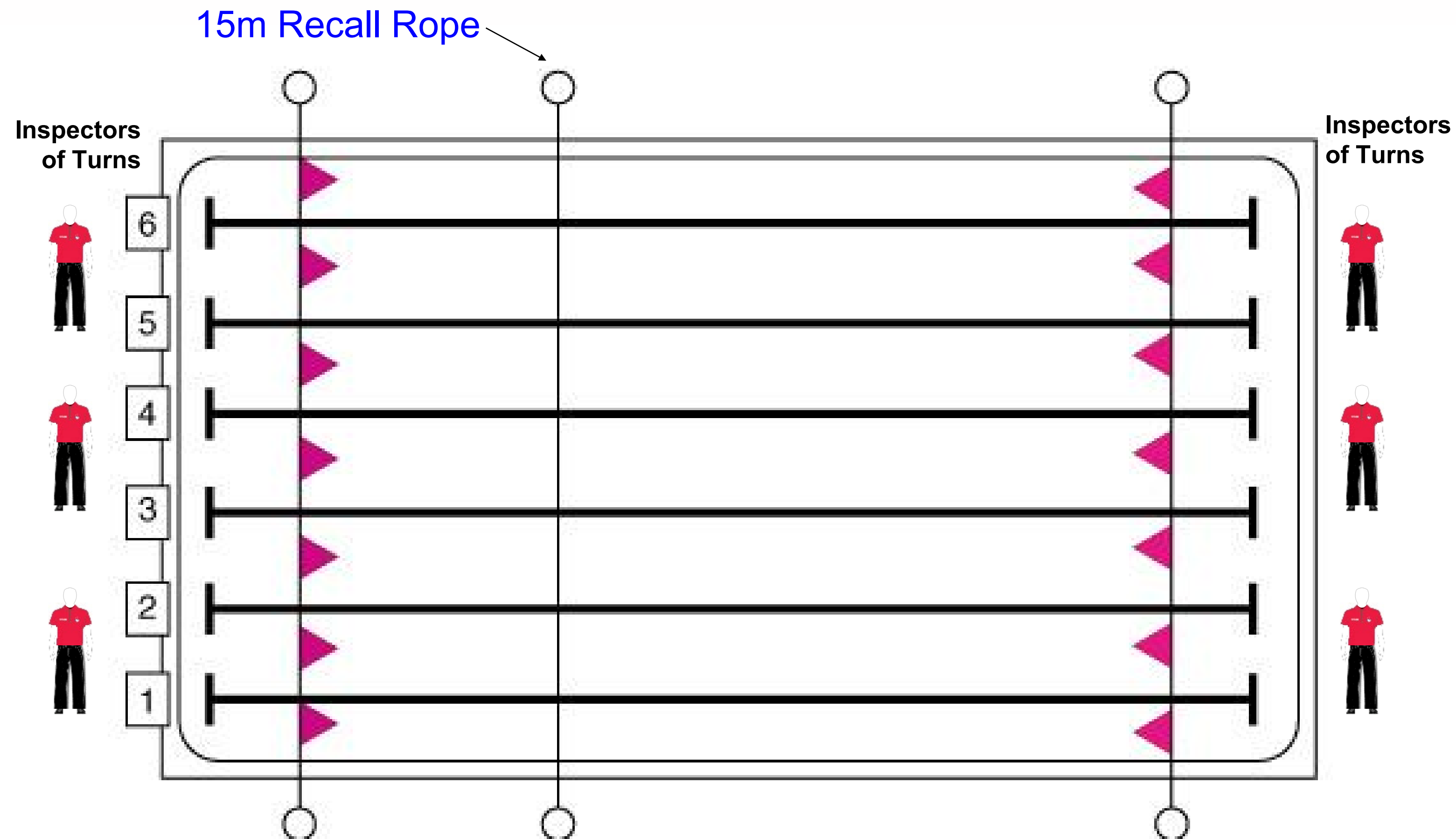
OFFICIALS ON THE POOL DECK



Inspectors of Turns (IT) and Judges of Stroke (JS) are charged with observing the swimmers and reporting infractions of the rules.

- Once you are comfortable as a timer, the next recommended clinic is the Inspector of Turns clinic. Several ITs are needed at a swim meet.
- It is recommended to take the Judge of Stroke clinic after you have had more experience on the deck as an IT.

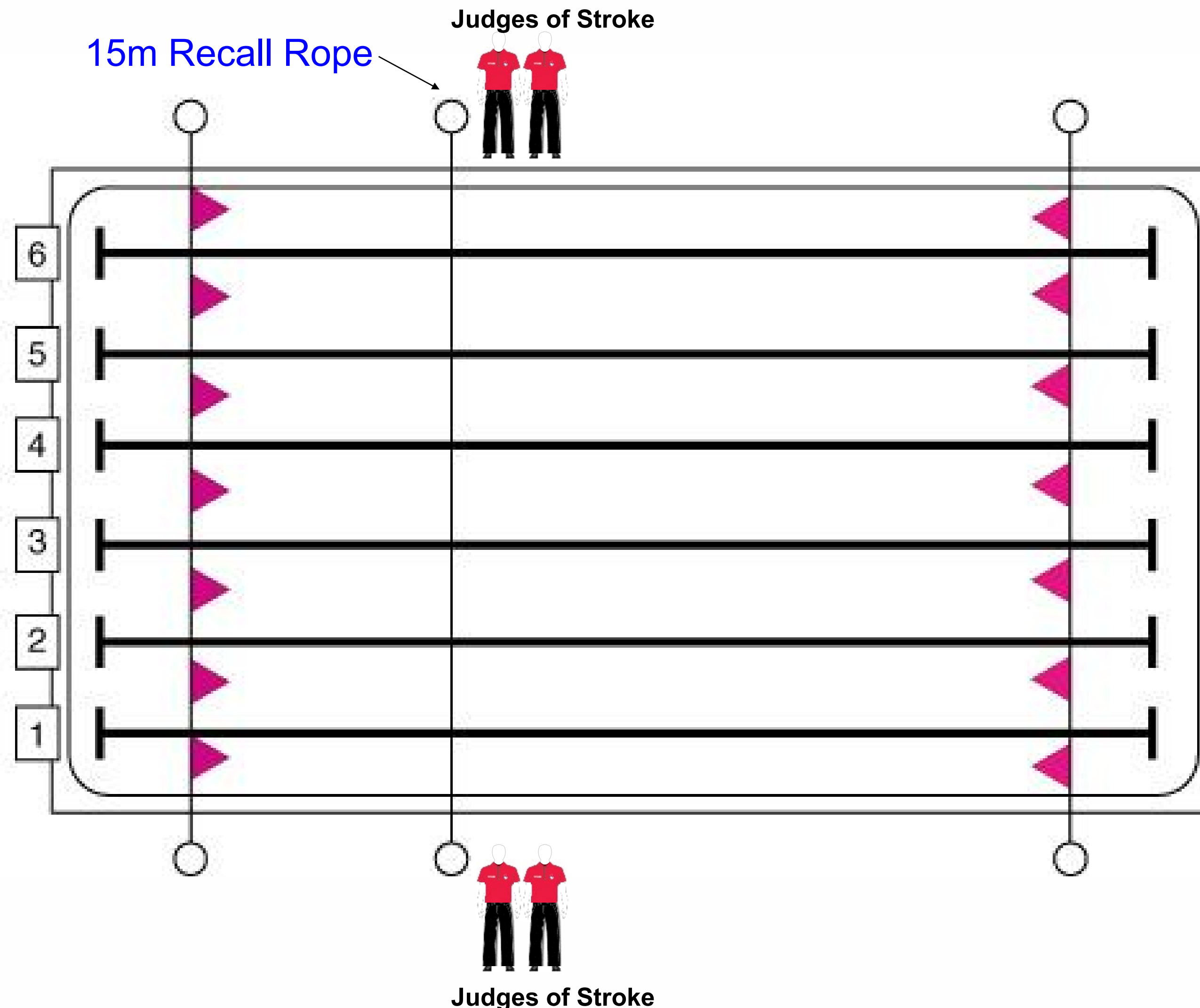
OFFICIALS ON THE POOL DECK



Inspectors of Turns are positioned at the start and turn end of the pool.

- ITs observe the starts, turns and finishes.

OFFICIALS ON THE POOL DECK



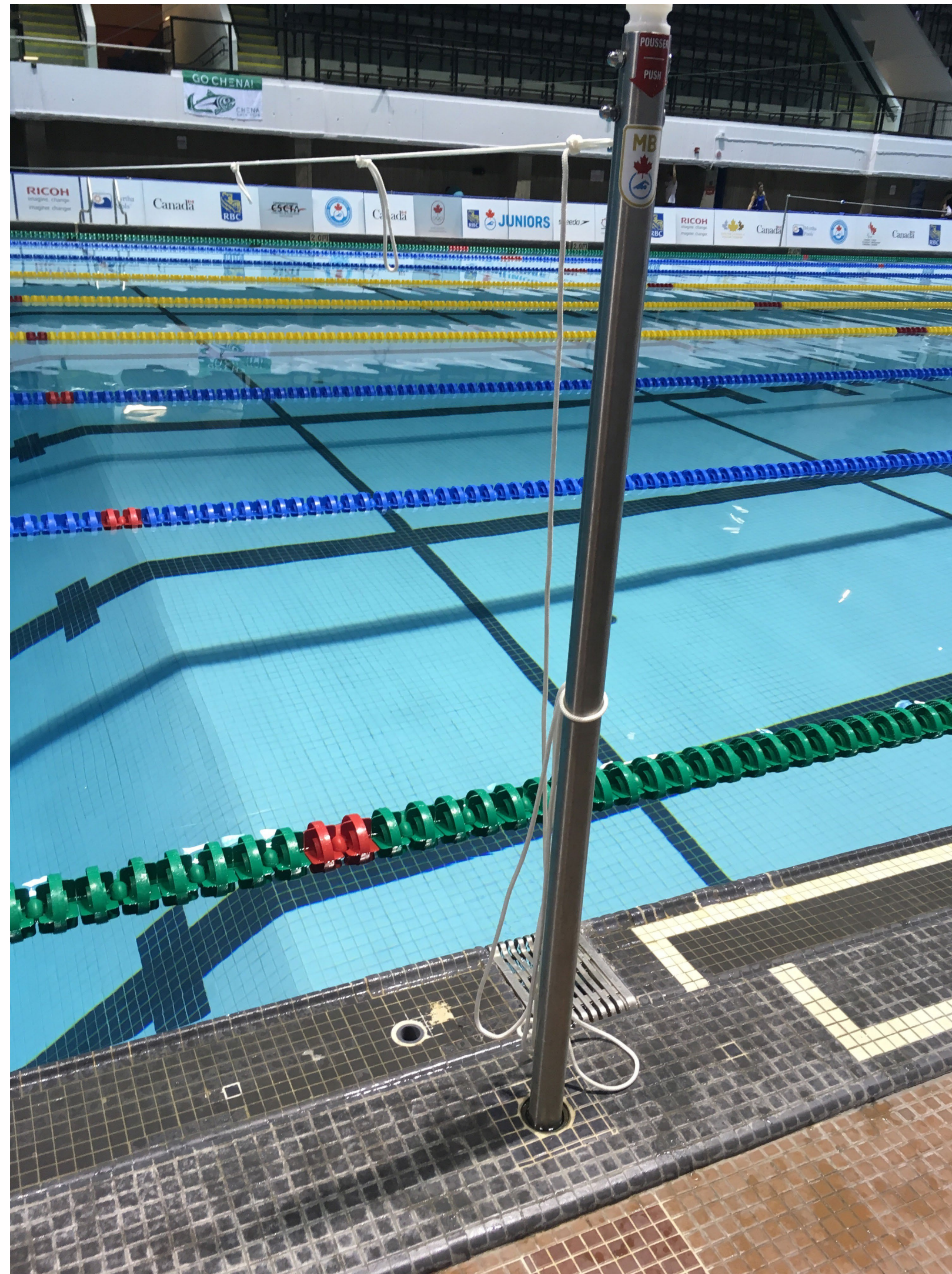
Judges of Stroke are positioned along the side of the pool.

- JS observe the stroke portion of each race.
- They may also be responsible for the recall rope.

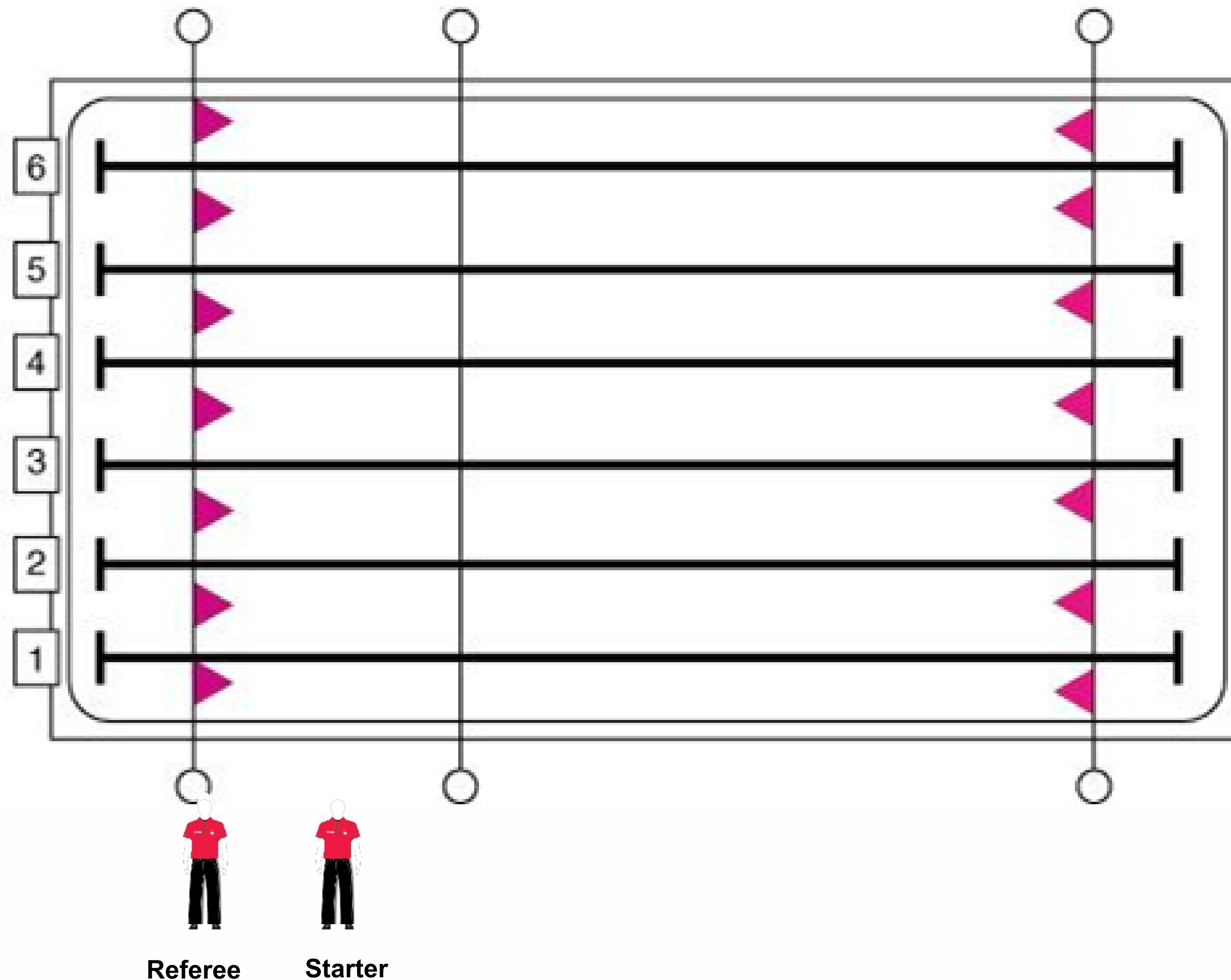
RECALL (FALSE START) ROPE



- Located 15m from the start end of the pool.
- Suspended across the pool and lowered into the pool to alert swimmers in the event of a recalled start.



OFFICIALS ON THE POOL DECK



The **Referee** is the official with the most authority on deck (the official with the whistle).

The **Starter**, working with the Referee, is responsible for starting the race and judging the fairness of the start.

ADDITIONAL OFFICIALS



As well as the officials on the deck, several other officials are needed to run a meet.

The **Administration Desk** (formerly **Clerk of Course**) is responsible for organizing the swimmers on the deck.

The **Chief Finish Judge / Chief Judge Electronics** determines the official times, results and placing of the swimmers.

The **Chief Recorder** is responsible for compiling the times and generating result printouts using swimming specific software.

ADDITIONAL OFFICIALS



The **Meet Manager** is the general manager of the entire competition. They have duties before, during and after the meet. They may have a team to share in the responsibilities.

Other Volunteers - A fully staffed meet may also require an announcer, runners to collect paperwork and post results, and volunteers for food, awards, and fundraising activities.

A swim meet is a major undertaking that requires a significant number of volunteers and officials to get involved.

For a single session in an 8 lane pool, you could have 40+ volunteers involved.

OFFICIALS ATTIRE



White Shirt
**Timekeepers &
Chief Timekeepers**



Black Pants / Shorts / Skirt
Black Shoes



Red Polo
All Other Officials

THE ROLE OF THE COACH



The role of the coach during a competition is to:

- Provide one-on-one feedback to the swimmer.
- Be the first and last contact with swimmer before and after their swim.
- Advocate for their swimmer.

The Coach will address any questions/concerns with the referee of the session.





TIMEKEEPER DUTIES

BEFORE THE SWIM MEET



- As soon as you know that your swimmer will be taking part in the meet, volunteer to help officiate.
- If your club is hosting the meet, parents will be expected to help even when their swimmer isn't swimming.
- Your Club Officials Chair (COC) may receive a request from the host club with a link or email address to sign up.
- Without timers and other officials, meets cannot run. Please sign up early and stick to your commitment.
- Every club needs and appreciates help from other clubs.

THE DAY OF THE SWIM MEET



Arrive on time and check-in at the Officials room:

- “On Time” means at the start of warmup for the session you are or at the time requested by Meet Management.
- Let the organizer know you are present by signing in.

Attend the officials briefing:

- Conducted by the Referee and/or Chief Timekeeper before the session starts.
- At the briefing, you will find out what is happening during the session.
- Meet the Chief Timekeeper and the team assigned to your lane.

BEFORE THE SESSION BEGINS



Sign out/pick up a watch (if necessary):

- Secure the watch with the lanyard around your neck.
- Make sure it is working properly.

Pick up your heat sheets and clipboard:

- Make sure that the paperwork you have been given shows the correct events, matches your assigned lane.

Ensure you arrive at your assigned lane at the time requested:

- Stay in that lane until the session is finished.
- Participate in a watch check if watches are being used.

DURING THE SESSION



Unless advised differently, there is no cell phone use on deck.

- If you require your cell phone, please ensure it is set to vibrate.
- Step off the deck if you need to take a call.

If you have a problem or concern, let the Chief Timer know by raising your hand.

If you need to step away from your lane during the session:

- Let the Chief Timer know and wait for your replacement.
- Please return promptly.

DURING THE SESSION



Our job as officials is to enable a good competitive environment for the swimmer's best performance.

Please remember:

- Minimize conversation with the swimmers.
- Do not touch the swimmers.

If an athlete requires assistance, please signal their coach or a lifeguard.

THE TIMING TEAM



There may be 1, 2 or 3 officials assigned to a particular lane.

Timekeepers

- Operate the stopwatch and/or plungers and may also record times.

The Recorder

- Confirms the names of the swimmers in their lane.
- Writes the finish and split times accurately and legibly on the paperwork.

Inspectors of Turns

- Trained to judge the starts, turns and finishes but may also be assigned timing duties.

BEFORE THE RACE (II.2.9.1)



Swimmers will arrive behind the blocks and present themselves to you in advance of their race.

Ensure that you have the correct swimmer in the correct heat and lane by:

- Asking the swimmer for their name.
- Checking against the provided paperwork.
- Report any discrepancies to the Chief Timer by raising your hand.
- If a swimmer does not report for their race, record “NS” (No Show) on the paperwork.

THE START (II.4.1 & II.4.2)



On the referee's long whistle:

- Swimmers will mount the blocks; or
- In backstroke events enter the water.

The Referee will give control of the race to the Starter by extending their arm.

If a swimmer arrives after the race is under the Starter's control:

- Ask the swimmer to wait.
- Tell the Chief Timekeeper or Referee.
- The Referee may accommodate the swimmer in a later heat.

STOPWATCH OPERATION



Split / **Reset**
Button

Mode Button
Don't Touch

Start / **Stop**
Button

Split - When the watch is running:

- Push once to “pause” the running time.
- Record the split time
- Push again to resume the running time.

Reset - When the watch is stopped:

- Push this button to reset the watch to zero.



Start – From zero:

- Push once to start the watch.
- Start the watch with the flash of the starting device.

Stop – When the watch is running:

- Push this button to stop the watch
- Only stop the watch at the end of the race
- Record the finish time.

STARTING YOUR WATCH (II.2.9.2 & II.C2.9.2.1)



Stopwatches are an approved timing device started and stopped by the Timekeeper and used to time a race to 1/100th of a second.

To start the stopwatch:

- Position yourself so you can see the flash from the starting device.
- Hold the watch firmly and motionless and use the same finger to start and stop your watch.
- Start the watch on the flash of the strobe from the starting device.
- Start your watch even if you do not have a swimmer.
- If your watch doesn't start, raise your hand and let your Chief Timekeeper know.

STARTING DEVICE



- An electronic device which signals the start of the race with both sound and light



STOPPING YOUR WATCH (II.2.9.3)



To stop the stopwatch:

- Position yourself right at the edge of the pool (without stepping on the touchpad).
- Be sure you have an unobstructed view of the pool wall or touchpad.
- Look down over your lane at the finish end of the pool.
- Stop the watch or depress your plunger when any part of the swimmer's body touches the wall.
- Don't anticipate the touch.

RECORDING YOUR TIME (II.2.9.3)



Times may be recorded on a card, on a meet program or on a lane timer sheet.

- Times are to be recorded to 1/100s of a second ie. “2:01.31” or “59.45”.
- If the swimmer did not swim, record NS (No Show/Swim).
- If you are unable to record an accurate time for any reason, record NT (No Time).
- If the swimmer does not finish the race for any reason, record DNF (Did Not Finish).
- Once the time (or NS, NT, DNF) is properly recorded or at the referee’s short whistle, clear your watch and prepare for the next race.

LANE/TIMER SHEETS



2018 Speedo Eastern Canadian Championships - 2018-04-12 to 2018-04-15									
Event 1 Women 13 & Over 200 LC Meter Freestyle Prelims							Soft Touch ?		
Lane 1	Heat 1	-----					-----	-----	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lane 1	Heat 2	Holden, Megan 13	MPM	2:16.75			-----	-----	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lane 1	Heat 3	Gage, Kyla 14	PCSC	2:14.34			-----	-----	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lane 1	Heat 4	Hulford, Kate 13	TSC	2:12.46			-----	-----	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lane 1	Heat 5	*Lewitt, Caroline 15	NWLL	2:11.19			-----	-----	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lane 1	Heat 6	Little, Megan 15	NYAC	2:10.63			-----	-----	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lane 1	Heat 7	Willar, Lora 15	PCSC	2:09.91			-----	-----	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lane 1	Heat 8	MacDonald, Reagan 17	NKB	2:09.30			-----	-----	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lane 1	Heat 9	Beauchemin, Charlotte 20	CAMO	2:07.57			-----	-----	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lane 1	Heat 10	Crowell, Reagan 17	CVAC	2:07.00			-----	-----	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lane 1	Heat 11	Houde-Camirand, Moana	GO	2:06.90			-----	-----	<input type="checkbox"/>

Lane/timer sheets list all the swimmers assigned to a specific lane.

- Stopwatch times are recorded for each race on the sheet.
- Each timer should put their initials at the top of one column and always record times in that column.
- Generally used in manual meets.

HEAT SHEETS



Swimming Canada				HY-TEK's MEET MANAGER 7.0 - 2018-04-28 Page 1			
2018 Speedo Eastern Canadian Championships - 2018-04-12 to 2018-04-15				2018 Speedo Eastern Canadian Championships			
Meet Program - Thursday Prelims				Windsor International Aquatic & Training Ctr, 12- - 15-4-2018			
Event 1 Women 13 & Over 200 LC Meter Freestyle				Event 1 Women, 200m Freestyle			
Lane Name Age Team Seed Time				13 years and older			
Heat 1 of 11 Prelims				Startlist Prelim			
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2							
3 %Lane\$14\$B14\$M14, J 18 WAC/O 3:25.84							
4 Marquis, Jade 13 SAMAK 2:18.33							
5 Ge, Yuan He 13 ELITE 2:18.40							
6 Nyhof, Martine 17 SLSC 2:09.26							
7							
8							
9							
Heat 2 of 11 Prelims							
0 Joo, Vanessa 13 DDO 2:18.26							
1 Holden, Megan 13 MPM 2:16.75							
2 LeRoy, Brynne 13 TIDE 2:16.56							
3 Tuck, Kate 13 USC 2:16.28							
4 Burnett, Devon 13 ESWIM 2:15.89							
5 Watts, Emily 13 NYAC 2:16.15							
6 Fournier, Léa 13 RL 2:16.34							
7 Clarke, Emma 13 LSC 2:16.72							
8 Marovino, Katie 13 ESWIM 2:17.20							
9 Terpstra, Lillian 13 CPWD 2:18.27							
Heat 3 of 11 Prelims							
0 Nagy, Ella 13 OAK 2:14.73							
1 Gage, Kyla 14 PCSC 2:14.34							
Heat 5 of 11 Prelims							
0 Dahmen, Jeanne 15 PCSC 2:11.55							
1 *Lewitt, Caroline 15 NWLL 2:11.19							
2 *Gradillas, Adelaida 13 NWLL 2:10.98							
3 Moffitt, Abigail 15 NKB 2:10.84							
4 Metuzals, Kali 15 GO 2:10.74							
5 Datars, Mahaylia 15 STARS 2:10.77							
6 Sastron-Navarrete, Am: 15 CSLA 2:10.87							
7 Bouchard, Perrine 15 ELITE 2:11.04							
8 Davidson, Juliette 15 NN 2:11.50							
9 Chapman, Sarah 15 CW 2:11.65							
Heat 6 of 11 Prelims							
0 Muizelaar, Serena 14 ESWIM 2:10.66							
1 Little, Megan 15 NYAC 2:10.63							
2 Ellis, Hanna 14 HAC 2:10.41							
3 Bellio, Vanessa 15 ESWIM 2:10.16							
4 Gormley, Breckin 14 CPWD 2:10.15							
5 Stokes, Jenna 17 PICK 2:10.16							
6 Chubaty, Lily 16 KBM 2:10.29							
7 Lo, Naomie 15 NYAC 2:10.56							
8 Scholes, Dylan 13 OAK 2:10.63							
9 Hunter, Jordyn 14 BTSC 2:10.71							
Heat 7 of 11 Prelims							
0 McDonald, Abigail 17 GMAC 2:09.99							
1 Willar, Lora 15 PCSC 2:09.91							
2 Brough, Kiera 17 OAK 2:09.75							
3 Berwick, Katie 16 GMAC 2:09.71							
4 Quinlan, Kristina 18 GMAC 2:09.57							

SWIM MEET TIMING SYSTEMS



Manual timing

- Stopwatches & lane/timer sheets or time cards are used to record swimmer times.

Electronic timing

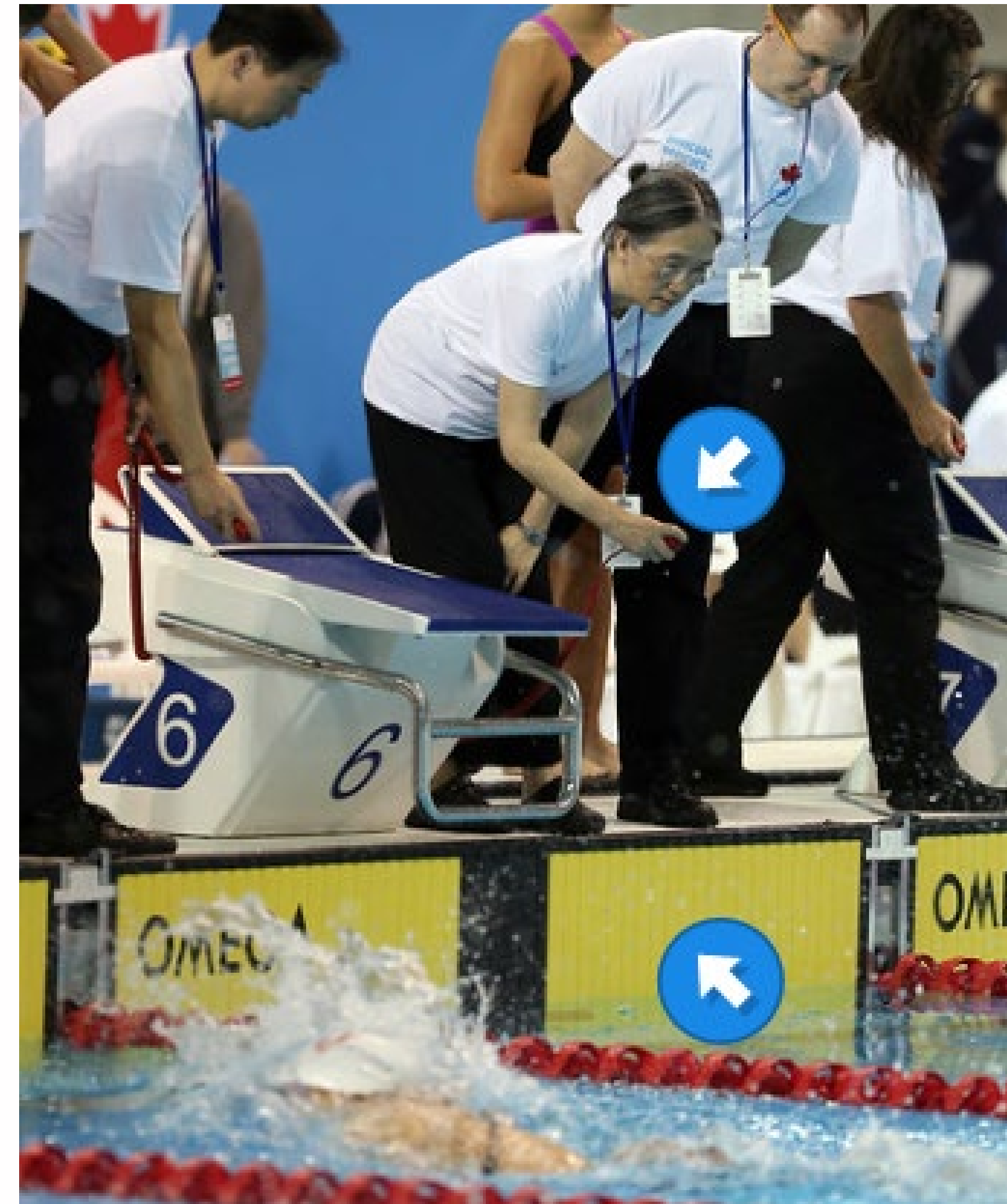
- An electronic system is used to record swimmer times.
- May include touchpads, plungers or wireless stopwatches.
- Stopwatches may be used as a backup if there is a failure of the electronic timing system.
- At the Toronto Pan Am Pool a high speed video (HSV) system may be used as a backup to the electronic timing system instead of timers and watches.

ELECTRONIC/AUTOMATIC TIMING



Touchpads are part of the automatic timing system.

- Located in the pool at the end of each lane.
- Record a time when a swimmer touches the touchpad.
- Ensure you do not step on the touchpads when taking a time.

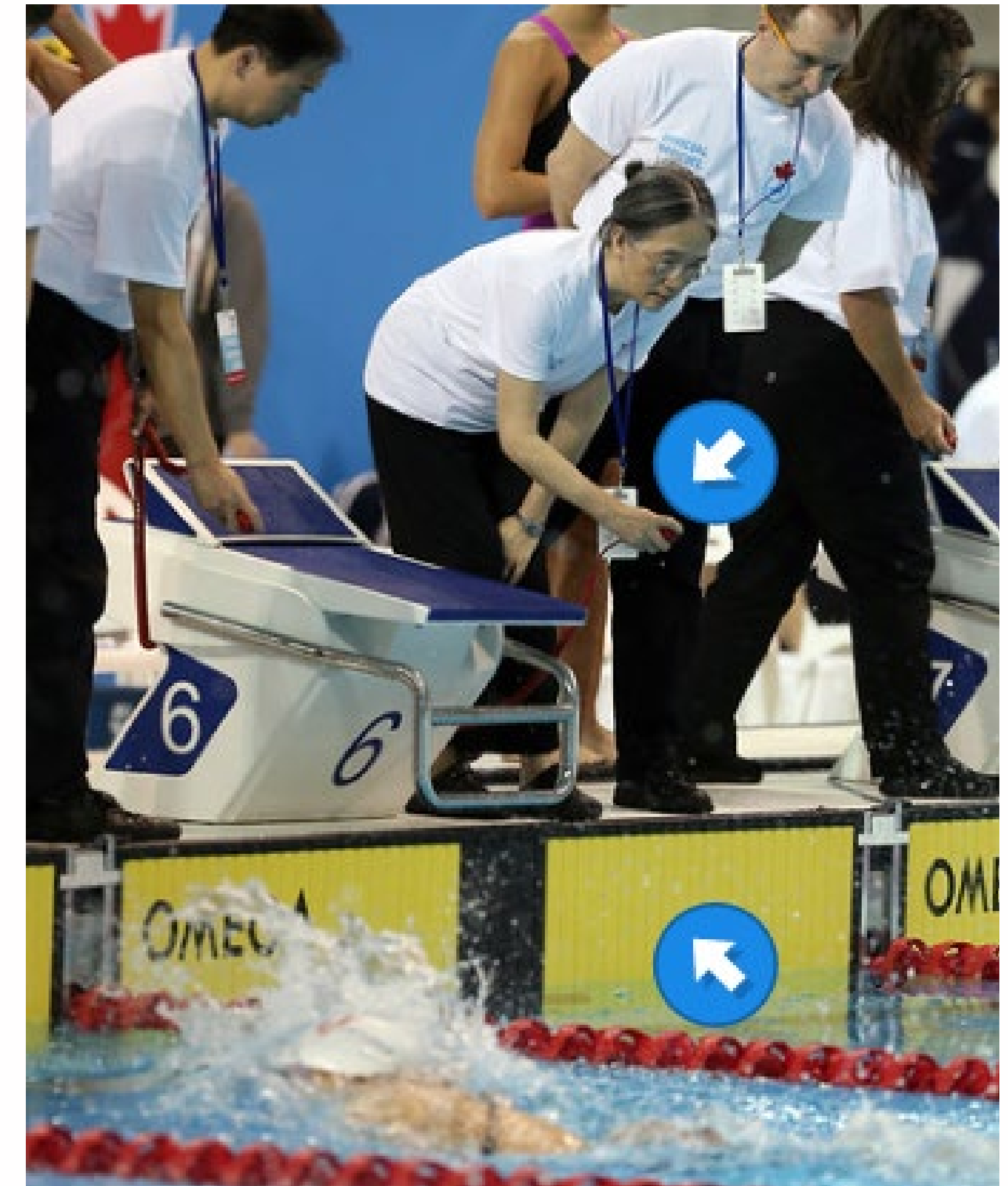
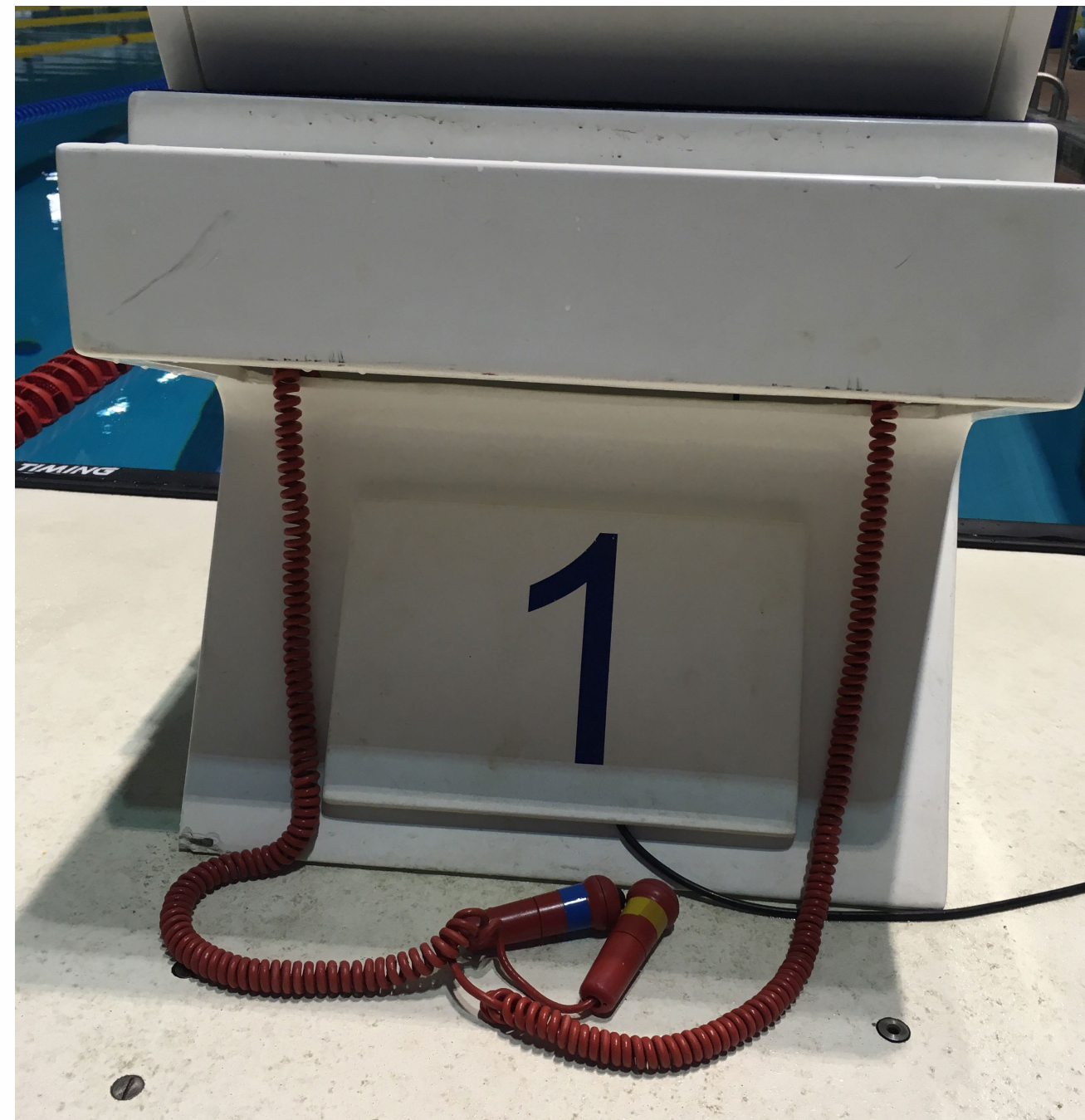


ELECTRONIC/AUTOMATIC TIMING



Plungers/buttons are part of a semi-automatic timing system.

- Timing starts electronically with the starting system.
- Finish time is recorded when the timer pushes the button.
- Please handle this equipment with care.



TIMING HIERARCHY(II.13.1 & II.13.2)



1. Automatic Officiating System – times recorded by the touchpads.
2. Semi-Automatic Officiating System – times recorded by the timers operating plungers/buttons to provide a backup to the touchpads.
3. Manual Officiating System – times recorded by the timers operating stopwatches to provide a backup to the automatic and semi-automatic systems.

SPLITS (II.2.9.2 & II.C2.9.2.1)



A **Split Time** is a time recorded at an interval shorter than the total distance of the race (ie. record a time at 100m in a 200m race)

- Timers may be asked to take the split time at each *turn* in the race.
- This is typically requested in distance events (800m & 1500m).

For an **Official Split**, all timers will take and record the time at the requested distance as instructed by the referee or chief timer.

- This time becomes an official time recorded in the meet results.
- Coaches can request an Official Split for races longer than 100m.
- An official split is always recorded for the first swimmer of a relay (except for Mixed Relays).

DISTANCE EVENTS



Distance events are the 800m and 1500m freestyle.

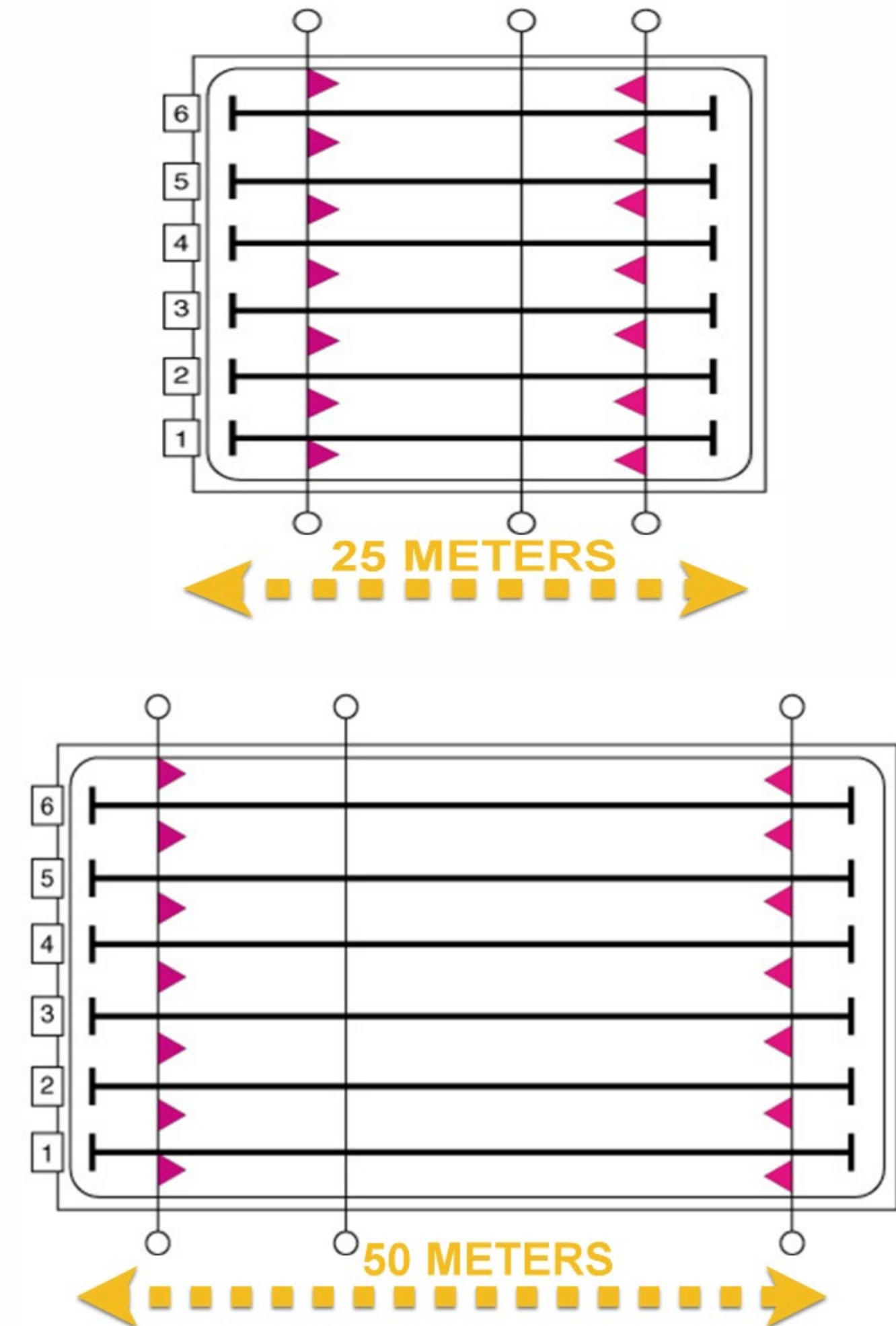
At a **short course** competition (25m pool):

- 800m event is 32 laps of the pool.
- 1500m event is 60 laps of the pool.

At a **long course** competition (50m pool):

- 800m event is 16 laps of the pool.
- 1500m event is 30 laps of the pool.

Most major international events are held in a long course pool.



DISTANCE EVENTS



During distance events you may be asked to record split times on a counter sheet for each lap.

- The splits times may be stopwatch or scoreboard times.
- Helps to keep track of the distance the swimmer has completed.
- If you miss a split, make sure to record “NT” for that lap.



800m FREESTYLE (SC) - SPLIT RECORDING SHEET

EVENT # 9 LANE # 1

MEN WOMEN (circle one)

LAPS	METERS	HEAT # <u>1</u>	HEAT # <u>2</u>	HEAT #
2	50	32.05	32.54	
4	100	1:07.26	1:09.99	
6	150	1:44.50	1:49.02	
8	200	2:22.02	2:29.42	
10	250	3:00.74	3:09.56	
12	300	3:39.58	4:30.38	
14	350	4:18.78	5:12.51	
16	400	4:57.56	5:54.30	
18	450	5:36.99		
20	500	6:16.62		
22	550	6:56.12		
24	600	7:36.00		
26	650	NT		
28	700	8:54.07		
30	750	9:32.37	RING BELL	RING BELL
32	800	10:09.15		

What's wrong here?

DISTANCE EVENTS - THE BELL LAP



The “Bell Lap” refers to the ringing of the bell to alert the swimmer that they have 2 more lengths to complete in the race.

- It is recommended that all officials in the lane count laps.
- The Timekeeper or Inspector of Turns may be responsible for ringing the bell.

In short course (SC) events the bell is rung:

- At 750m of an 800m race and 1450m of an 1500m race.

In long course (LC) events the bell is rung:

- At the 700m of an 800m race or 1400m of an race.

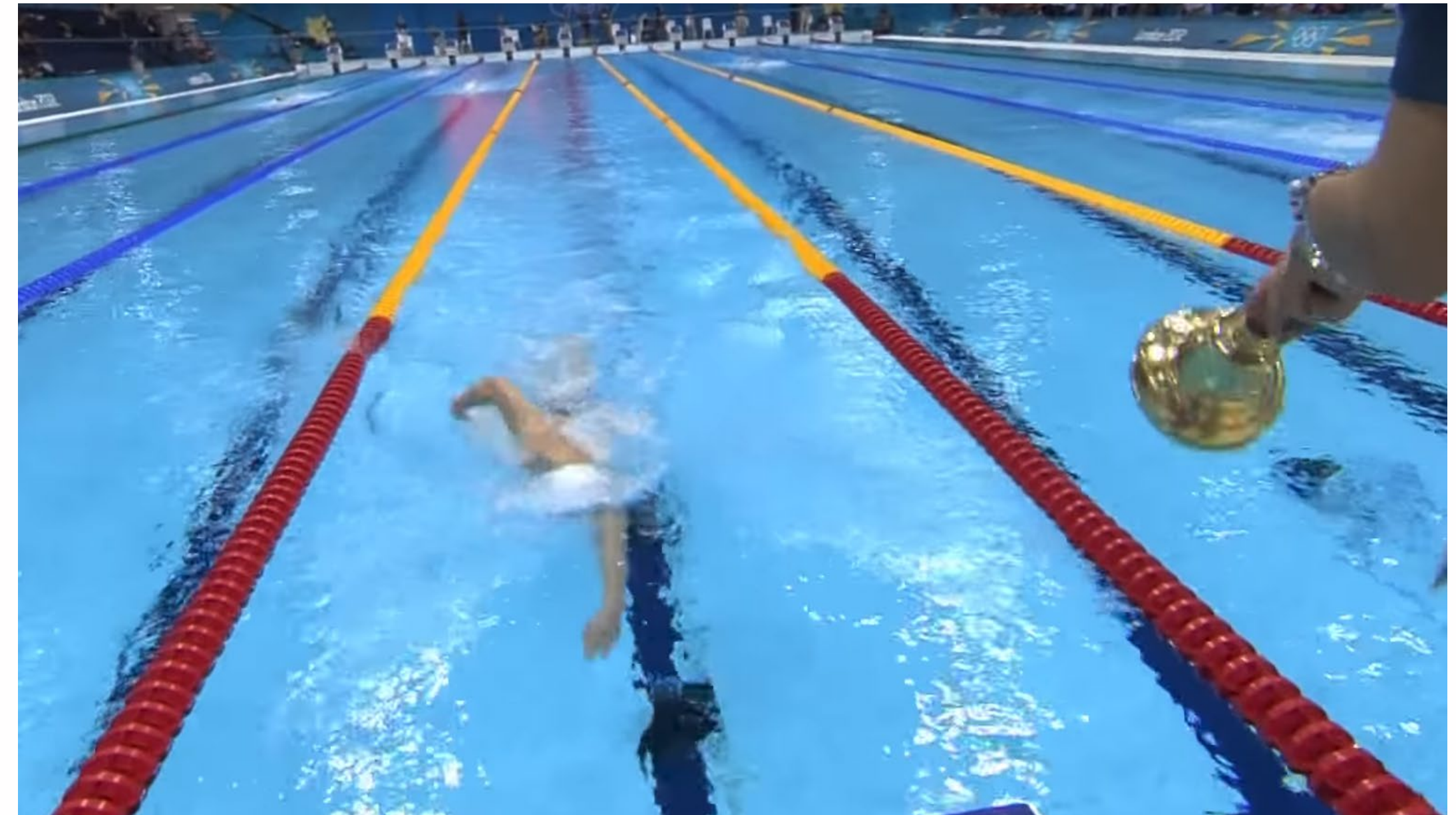
THE BELL LAP (cont'd)



The bell is to be rung continuously over the right hand lane rope (your right):

- Begin ringing from 5m (backstroke flags) as the swimmer comes into their last turn.
- Continue ringing as the swimmer turns, until the swimmer has reached 5m after the turn.
- Do **not** ring the bell directly over the swimmer to prevent any mishaps with broken or dropped bells.

Note: A very common error by an official is failing to ring the bell at the appropriate point in the race.



PARA SWIMMING AND TIMING



Some meets may include para swimmers.

- They are identified by having their class beside their names (e.g., S8, SB7, SM8) on the heat sheet.
- The rules pertaining to judging the start, strokes and turns of para swimming athletes may be different.
- If para swimmers are participating in the session, the Referee or Chief Timekeeper will explain any additional information you may need.

PARA SWIMMING AND TIMING



As a timer, you should be aware that:

- Para swimmers may start in the water or beside the blocks.
- Para athletes may require help from an assistant for a start and during the race. For example, a visually impaired swimmer may require a “tapper” to identify when they are reaching the end of the pool.
- When an assistant is present please give them the room required to assist their athletes.



KEY TERMS

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Session – A combination of events and heats for a group of swimmers to compete in over a continuous time period of typically no more than 4.5 hours.

Warm-up – The period of time before the session begins when the swimmers warm-up in the pool as a group before the competition.

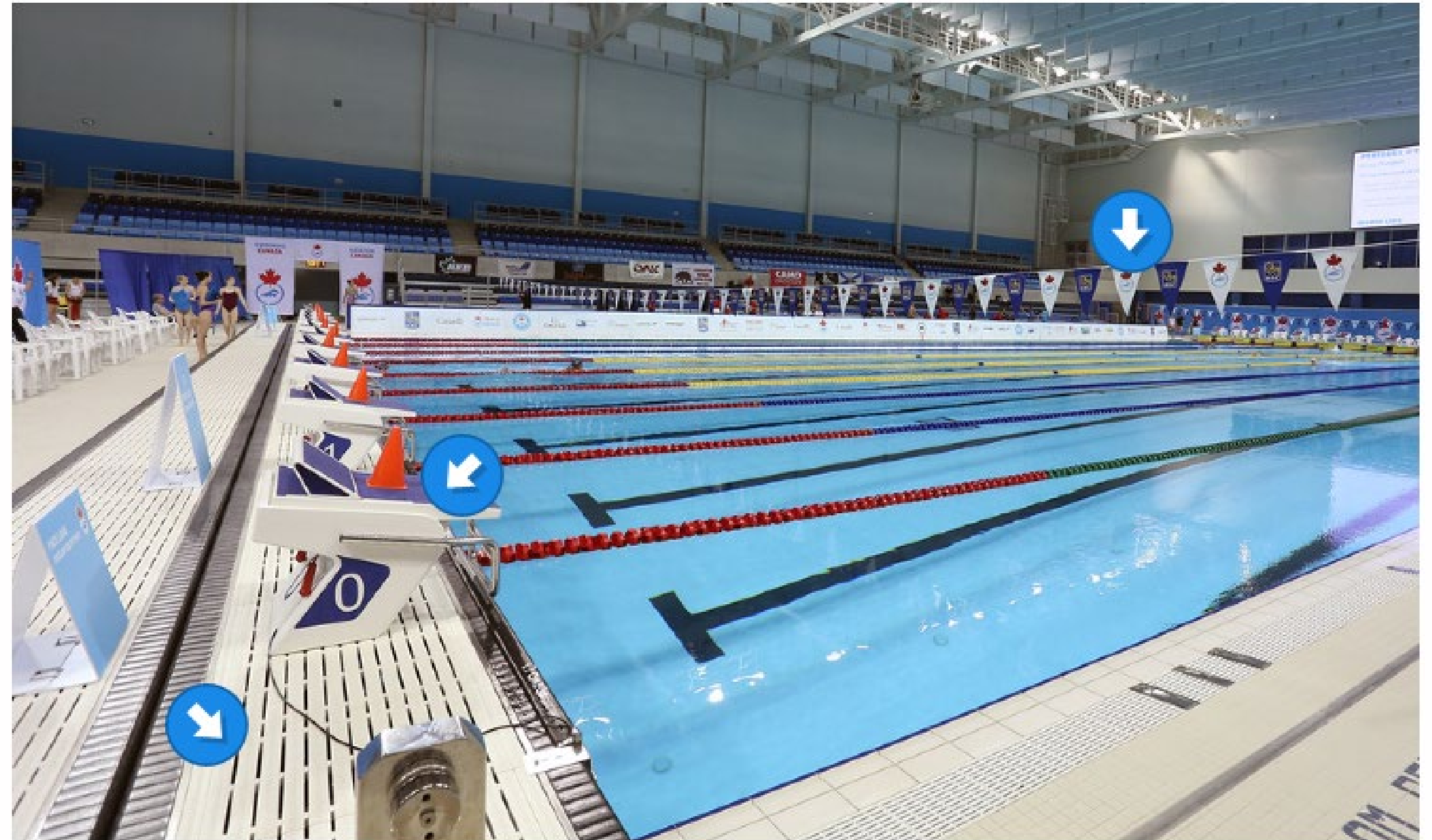
KEY TERMS (cont'd)



Backstroke flags – Suspended across the pool, the backstroke flags are located 5 metres from the start and turn end of the pool. The backstroke flags are a visual aid to backstroke swimmers.

Bulkhead – A bulkhead is a raised wall found at the end of a pool. It is often movable to allow a 50m pool to be divided into two 25m courses. Turn judges will stand on the bulkhead to observe the swimmers.

Starting Blocks – The starting blocks are located at the start end of the pool. A second set of starting blocks may be located at the turn end of a 50m pool.



KEY TERMS (cont'd)



Minutes Hundredths
↓ ↓
02:49.37
↑
Seconds

Official Time – The final time given to a swimmer.

Split Times – A time which is recorded part way through a race and at an interval shorter than the total distance of the race.

Entry Times – Also referred to as a Seed Time, this is the time a swimmer has previously achieved in a given event.

Qualifying Time – A set time a swimmer must achieve to be eligible to enter into an event in a given competition.

KEY TERMS (cont'd)



Event – An event is a group of races that have the same distance, stroke, gender and age group defined. Each event will typically have a number assigned to it.

Heat – Swimmers are sorted into groups called heats based on their entry time for the event. Heats typically include a maximum number of swimmers equal to the number of lanes in the pool (6, 8 or 10) who will swim together in one race.

Lane – Each swimmer is assigned a lane and need to start and finish their race in that lane. Lanes are numbered from 1 to 6 (six lane pool), 1 to 8 (eight lane pool) or 0 to 9 (in a ten lane pool) from right to left when standing behind the starting blocks.

KEY TERMS (cont'd)



Meet Manager Software – A software program (in Canada this is typically Hy-Tek Meet Manager or SPLASH) used to organize the swim meet and generate the required printouts and results. Timekeepers may be provided with printed heat sheets and/or lane timer sheets to identify lane assignments and record times from this software.



QUIZ

QUESTION 1



The correct dress code for Timekeepers is:

- a) white shirt and white pants
- b) white shirt and black pants
- c) red polo shirt and black pants

QUESTION 2



Before a meet, you should report to the designated officials' area (choose all that are correct):

- a) in time for the first race
- b) at the time requested by the meet manager
- c) two hours before the start of the meet
- d) at the start of warm up unless otherwise instructed

QUESTION 3



After taking your manual digital watch, you should (choose all that are correct):

- a) secure the lanyard around your neck
- b) make sure the batteries are charged and video display works
- c) test operational features (start, stop, split etc.)
- d) all of the above

QUESTION 4



Ideally, as a timer you should be stationed:

- a) on the deck at the finish end of your assigned lane
- b) on the side deck, midway along the pool
- c) in the bleachers, at the finish end of the pool

QUESTION 5



If a swimmer reports to your lane after the race is under Starter's *control*, you should (choose all that are correct):

- a) wait until the race has started and then inform the Referee through the Chief Timekeeper
- b) wave your hands and shout to get the Starter's attention
- c) put the swimmer into the next available empty lane
- d) direct the swimmer to wait and not interrupt the start

QUESTION 6



As soon as you become aware that you have an incorrect swimmer in a particular heat, you should:

- a) inform the Chief Timekeeper and/or Referee
- b) adjust the time card
- c) do nothing
- d) inform the Chief Finish Judge

QUESTION 7



At the commencement of the race, you should start your watch (choose all that are correct):

- a) when the swimmer leaves the block
- b) at the sound of the horn
- c) at the flash of the strobe light on the automatic system
- d) whether your lane is occupied or not

QUESTION 8



When starting or stopping a manual digital watch, you should (choose all that are correct):

- a) swing it in an arc;
- b) snap your wrist as you depress the button
- c) hold it firmly and motionless
- d) use the same finger to start and stop it
- e) only stop a watch that you start

QUESTION 9



If you missed a start, or the watch malfunctions during a race or you failed to get a finish time, you should (choose all that are correct):

- a) report to the Chief Timekeeper
- b) record the same time as another timer on your lane
- c) record NO TIME (NT) for your watch
- d) record an estimated time
- e) record the time on the automatic system scoreboard

QUESTION 10



For the finish of a race, you should position yourself:

- a) with your foot on top of the touchpad
- b) looking down over your lane, at the finish end of the pool
- c) seated behind the starting block of your assigned lane

QUESTION 11



When the required distance has been completed, you should stop your watch when:

- a) the swimmer's hand touches the end wall of the pool
- b) any part of the swimmer's body touches the end wall
- c) the swimmer makes contact with the touch-pad
- d) the swimmer touches with one hand on the breast stroke
- e) all of the above

QUESTION 12



If the swimmer in your lane does not finish the required distance, you should:

- a) report Did Not Finish (DNF) on the time card
- b) record what time the swimmer left the water
- c) record what time the swimmer stopped swimming

QUESTION 13



If your manual digital watch reads two minutes, ten seconds and one-one hundredth, the correct time to record on the time card is:

- a) 2:10.01
- b) 2:10.0
- c) 2:10

QUESTION 14



If the swimmer in your lane is disqualified for any reason, you should:

- a) record their finish time anyway
- b) tell the swimmer their finish time but don't record the time
- c) record the time when the disqualification took place

QUESTION 15



When semi-electronic equipment is in use, the timer shall:

- a) press the plunger with the flash from the starter
- b) use the device to record the split time (if assigned)
- c) use the device to record the finish time
- d) a & c
- e) b & c

QUESTION 16



The correct time to clear your watch is:

- a) when your Chief Timekeeper tells you
- b) if you are not instructed, then when the Referee blows their whistle to put the swimmers on the blocks for the next heat
- c) when the Starter says "take your marks"
- d) after you are sure that your time is recorded properly on the time card
- e) whenever your time is substantially different from the other timers

QUESTION 17



When ringing the bell lap, you should (choose all that are correct):

- a) ring the bell as the swimmer approaches the wall (from backstroke flags to the wall and back to the backstroke flags)
- b) ring the bell over the right hand lane rope
- c) ring the bell throughout the last lap of the race
- d) ring the bell after direction from the Referee & Chief Timekeeper

CONGRATULATIONS



You have now completed the Introduction to Swimming Officiating clinic.

Your next steps are to:

1. Complete the Safety Marshal clinic – Available through the LMS
 - 10 mins to complete - no quiz
2. Complete your registration in the Swimming Canada Officials Registration System.
3. Obtain deck experience as a Timekeeper.



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