

SH - Starters & Announcers:

Starters should check-in 20 minutes prior to the start of their shift. Check-in includes badge retrieval, and if applicable, notifying the previous Starter of your arrival and readiness. The first Starter for a meet should verify operation of the equipment with the meet facility staff.

6&Under Meet

Name	Team	Pool	Shift
Paul Hart	GHWO		Whole meet
Darren Gomez	SH		Back up

7-10 Meet

Name	Team	Pool	Shift
Ben Pollak	SAAB	A – Girls	Events 11-23
Jeff Sasser	TC	A – Girls	Events 25-53
Chip Jackson	TC	B – Boys	Events 12-24
Alan Sevens	GHWO	B – Boys	Events 26-54

11-18 Meet

Name	Team	Pool	Shift
Gus Poveda	CCS	A – Girls	Whole meet
Darren Gomez	SH	A – Girls	Back up
Troy Jamail	Bel	B – Boys	Whole meet
Darren Gomez	SH	B – Boys	Back up

* End of meet

Announcers Volunteer Schedule

Note: Single announcer for both pools

Name	Team	Shift
Wayne Johnson	SAAB	6U meet
Charles Bisantz	SH	10U Events 11-24
Joe Cimato	Bel	10U meet Events 25-54
Jay Hartzler	GHWO	18U meet

* End of meet

Notes for Announcers & Starters – Champs Meet 2010

We will have 3 meet sessions: 6U meet will be in one pool, 10U meet and 18U meet will run with 2 pools concurrently. Each pool will have a starter, but we will have only 1 announcer for both pools. In other words, we will have 2 starters and 1 announcer active at any one time.

We will have 3 public address (PA) systems active in the Swim Center. Having this many PA systems active will cause some difficulty for the swimmers,

volunteers, and audience members to hear the relevant information. Please use the following guidelines to help everyone hear the announcements and starts:

1. Establish a time interval between heats in the different pools. When making any announcement or starting a heat, starters and announcers should wait and make sure that the other starter is not about to start a heat. In other words, please give precedence to the starter who is about to start, or is already starting, a heat; make your announcement or start after the other start signal has been given. We suggest that you use a 10-second count between starting heats.
2. When calling heats, please use the more specific gender term. For example, say: "Girls, take your mark," or "Boys, step up." Do not use the generic term "swimmers."
3. When making ready bench calls or other announcements, be sure to repeat your words. People may not "tune in" the first time. EXAMPLE—"Event 5, Event 5, Event 5 – Girls 7-8 100 Yd Freestyle Relay – to the reach bench."
4. In general, try to keep use of the PA system to a minimum. Too many announcements can be a distraction, or worse, people may stop listening.
5. Starters who are the first starter for a particular session should attend the Stroke & Turn Judges Meeting to confirm any starter-related rules, including how false starts are to be managed.
6. For the Champs Meet, Stroke & Turn Judges will determine false starts and disqualify (DQ) swimmers as appropriate. Under no circumstances should a race be restarted for a false start.
7. Starters may signal a "bad start" in a race such as when a starter prematurely hits the start signal or a swimmer falls into the water before the start of a race. In these types of situations, the starter may call for the swimmer(s) to recover and then restart the race.
8. Starters who are working the second shift in a meet session should check in with the first-shift starter at least 20 minutes before the shift begins and confirm the event number where the shift change will occur. Subsequent starters should also confirm any starter-related meet rules.
9. Announcers who will be making ready bench calls should attempt to meet with the Head Ready Bench Coordinator prior to their shift start time to confirm the process for signaling additional calls to the ready bench.
10. Session/Pool-specific heat sheets will be provided for the starters.