

# Referee Pre-Briefing Checklist

Event		SE Licence No	
Promoter		Officials Organiser	
Duty Manager		Time of Briefing	
Fire Exits Checked		Changing/toilet areas checked	
<b>Pool Deck - Spectator Area</b>			
Depth of the water? <i>(SE minimum depths on reverse)</i>	<b>Start End</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>Turning End</b> <b>m</b>
Any obvious hazards, cables, broken tiles etc.			
Lighting (600lux)			
Water temperature & Clarity? (25 to 28c)			
Safe access for all using poolside?			
Humidity (no more than =1c above pool temp)			
Any external hazards, noise etc.			
Spectator area checked?			
<b>Poolside Equipment</b>			
<b>Starting Platforms</b> Numbered correctly? Not loose, no sharp edges, correct heights (Max. 750mm above the water surface)			
<b>Lane Ropes/ Markings</b> Tight, no sharp edges, no damage, no exposed wire. 15m marked on lane ropes and floor deck?			
<b>Backstroke Flags</b> Fitted from fixed standards, cover all lanes, min 1.8m above water surface, 5m from each end wall, flags contrast colour with the ceiling			
<b>Recall Rope – Optional</b> Fixed standards not less than 1.2m above water, across all lanes, 15 m from start ends (both if necessary) – how does it release?	<b>Operation - L or R or both</b>		
<b>AOE / Manual Timing System</b>		<b>Provision for Volunteers</b>	
<b>Timing pads</b> Omega/Colorado/Daktronics/Alge/No	<b>Marching on time/ music</b>		Yes/No
<b>Back up buttons</b> Yes/No	<b>Introductions</b>		Yes/No
<b>Starting equipment</b> Omega/Colorado/Daktronics/Alge	<b>Refreshments for officials</b>		Yes/No
<b>Secondary Strobe available?</b>	Yes/No – how many		
<b>Pre-brief with Promoter</b>			
Any protests received			
Any meet issues			
Any special conditions of hire or issues raised by the pool operator			
Arrangements for presentations			
<b>General Comments:</b>			
<b>Name of Referee:</b>		<b>SE Membership Number:</b>	
<b>Signature:</b>		<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	

# World Aquatics Competition Regulations

## Officials – 2.1 Duties of the Referee:

- Shall have full control and authority over all officials
- Approve their assignments
- Instruct them regarding all special features or regulations related to the competition
- She/he shall enforce all rules and decisions of World Aquatics (WA)
- Shall decide all questions relating to the actual conduct of the meet, and event or competition, the final settlement of which is not otherwise covered by the rules
- May intervene in the competition at any stage to ensure that WA regulations are observed
- Adjudicate all protests relating to the competition in progress
- When using finish judges without three digital watches, the referee determine the placing where necessary. Automatic Officiating Equipment, if available and operating shall be consulted as stated in II.13
- Ensure all necessary officials are in their respective posts for the conduct of the competition
- Appoint substitutes for any officials who are absent, incapable of acting or found to be inefficient
- Appoint additional officials if considered necessary
- A disqualification for initiating the start before the starting signal must be observed and confirmed by both the starter and the referee. When automatic Officiating Equipment is available, it may be used to verify the disqualification
- Disqualify any swimmer for any other violation of the rules that he personally observes
- May disqualify any swimmer for any violation reported to him by other authorised officials
- The referee shall appoint officials who shall determine, in relay events, whether the starting swimmer is in contact with the starting platform when the preceding swimmer touches the starting wall. When Automatic Officiating Equipment is available, it shall be used in accordance with II.13.1

### **The Duties of a Referee and Health and Safety shall include but not limited to the following:**

- Be responsible for the safe conduct of all activities in those parts of the premises essential for the running of the competition
- Ensure the minimum safe water depths, other dimensions, current facilities and equipment comply with accepted requirements
- Ensure that all officials are briefed prior to the competition on the safety arrangements and on any general safety matters and evacuation procedures required by the pool operators
- Stop the competition proceeding at any stage if there is a breach of, or possible breach of, health and safety procedures
- Report all such matters to the promoter or deputy

### **Swim England issues updated guidance on minimum pool depths for racing**

WA regulations which change the minimum depth of water required for swimmers to dive into a pool are to be implemented by Swim England.

**From 1 September 2023**, all Swim England affiliated clubs will be required to ensure that all starts and changes during relay races are into **1.35m** of water.