

Role of The Starter - Pre Gala Equipment Checklist

This is a checklist to help you carry out equipment checks before the start of the session effectively & efficiently

Take someone with you to carry out the checks, ideally a J2S or a referee who can assist if necessary and inform them about the steps you are going to take as you run through the list.

- Inform the AOE operator that you would like to carry out equipment checks
- Switch on the starting equipment, ensure it is working and the battery is adequately charged.
- Ask the second person to walk behind each platform, when the person reaches each platform call out each lane using the microphone - The second person should walk continuously without stopping to the other side.
- When they return, they will inform you which lane speakers were not working (if any) and give you feedback on the volume levels.

It is important they don't give any indication of which speakers are working or not during the 'walk'. Remember everyone in the pool hall is watching.

- If individual speakers are not fitted, check speaker and start volume are adequate from the opposite side of the pool.
- Check that the starting signal can be given by pressing the 'START' button, Please use the term 'test start' - not 'take your marks'
- Activate the recall feature (if enabled) to check that it works.
- If there are any external strobes, make sure that they flash correctly, and that the cable reaches across all lanes.
- Check with the AOE operator that the timer started when you did the 'test start'
- Check the starting platforms- make sure they are not loose, sharp edges or have a springing action to them. Check that the backstroke grips are securely attached to the platforms. Make sure that the starting platforms are installed 'squared' and are not angled. If a back plate is fitted, ensure it runs smoothly & locks into place. If 2 pools are in use, repeat. Report any issues to the pool staff & inform the referee.
- If at any time you receive 'feedback' from the equipment- a quick test is to hold the 'speak' button in and move the microphone around until the feedback stops.
- Check with the Promoter or Referee if anyone has requested the strobe prior to the competition.