

# Communication in Swimming Events



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# Communication. Objective

## OBJECTIVE

Communication is one of our most important priorities in the swimming events.

We are committed to making sure that good and solid communication exist in the venue and between athletes, coaches, officials...



*“One of our most important priorities”*

# Venue Communication.

## Requirements:

- ✚ Clearly visible signs designating entrances, restricted areas, competitors, spectators,...
- ✚ Detailed plan of the venue showing all the areas.
- ✚ Information Centre.
- ✚ Individual pigeon boxes.
- ✚ Boards for posting notices and informations
- ✚ Radio communication for direct contact between all areas / person ..officials.
- ✚ Photocopy machine,computers, printing facilities....



*“Floor plan”*





***“Communication must be clear and effective”***

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# Information & circulation.

## Circulation of information

The circulation of information to technical personnel is required as follows:

- Ranked Entry Lists
- Morning Start Sheets.
- Afternoon Start Sheets.
- Revisions to Start Sheets.
- Named Relay Entries.
- Event results and Medal Winners
- Victory Ceremonies-Presenters
- Result Sheets.
- ...



*“Information to be circulated”*



# Announcing . Objectives

For the races to inform the audience of:

- a) Event about to be contested
- b) Records and splits , if available
- c) Competitors and their lane assignments
- d) Impartially solicit spectator enthusiasm
- e) ...

For the Victory Ceremony

- a) To announce the presenters.
- b) The script prepared by the Ceremonies Committee...



*“Give directions to the audience”*

# Announcing . Goals

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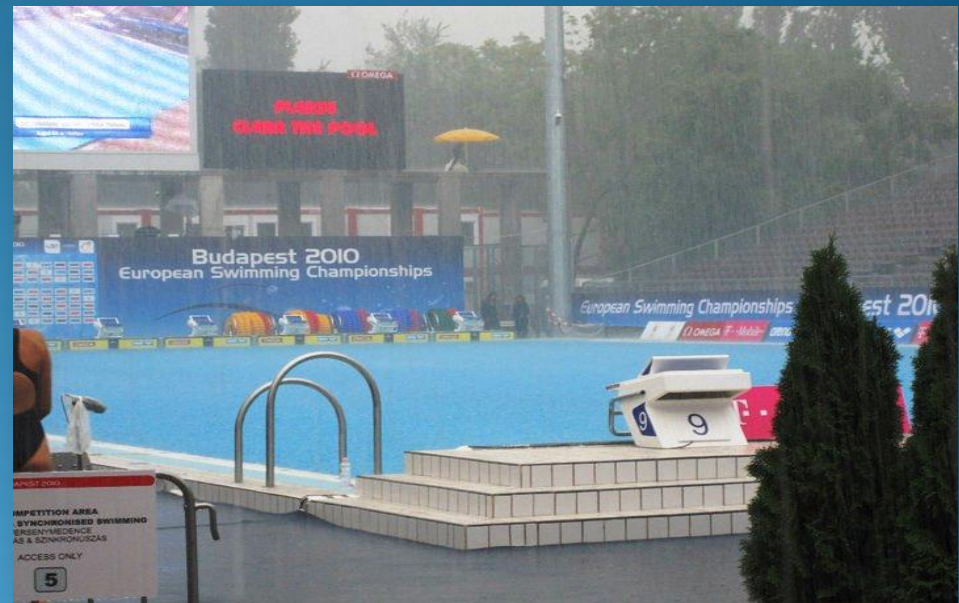
To be impartial with regard to national presentation.

To be informative

To generate enthusiasm for the athletes

To assume a guidance role in the event of a disaster.







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*“Announcing should be done in a manner befitting the event”*

# Announcer . Instructions

## Instructions:

-  Make sure that the sound system is working properly.
-  Use correct country names and abbreviations, check with protocol.
-  Have the full event lists and approved scripts ready.
-  All the disqualifications must be announced as soon as possible.
-  Allow time for bursts of cheering and applause.
-  Quiet the audience as requested by the Referee.....



***“Carefully follow the approved script for Preliminary, Finals sessions”***



# Scoreboard Information.

Minimum available function for information:

- Event name
- Rolling time
- WR and ER, CR..
- Number of lanes
- Ranknig of the swimmer at the end of the races, by lane.
- Names of the swimmers.
- IOC abbreviation of the country.
- The time of each swimmer.
- Remarks about records, disqualifications...
- Finishing ranking.
- Qualifiers for semifinal-finals..



*“Information on the Scoreboard”*

# Team Leaders Meeting.

## Information

The following information shall be available at the Team Leaders Meeting:

- Details of all Team Hotels including accommodation,..etc
- Transport timetables including training, competition and special events.
- Details of Opening and Closing Ceremonies.
- Details of Victory Ceremonies....



*“Information for the Team Leaders”*

# Officials Meeting.

## Information

The following information shall be available at the Officials Meeting:

- Copies of entry Start List
- Copies of agreed Programme / Time Line including Victory Ceremonies.
- Details of Opening and Closing Ceremonies.
- Details of Victory ceremonies.
- Officiating procedure at the swimming event.
- Daily swimming officials allocation.
- Rules remarks...



*“Officials Meeting”*



# Officials Daily Briefing Meeting.

## Information

The following information shall be available at the Officials daily Briefing Meeting:

- Copies of entry Start List
- Daily Officials
- Assignments
- Deck Protocol
- Rules remarks for the sessions...
- Special Information
- ...



*“Information for the Officials daily Briefing Meeting”*

# Officials Communication. Meet Director

The Meet Director shall signal the Referee that the competition can begin, before each race.

Communication between the Meet Director and the Referee are essential for good conducting of swimming events.



*“The Competition can begin”*

# Officials Communication. Referee

The Referee shall signal the starter that all official are in position, that the course is clear and the competition can begin, before each race.

Shall signal the swimmer by a short series of whistles and a long whistle for taking their position on the strating platform.

Shall gesture to the starter with a stretched out arm until the star is given.

Shall signal to the officials.

Shall signal to the Control Supervisor....



*“Gesture to the starter”*



# Officials Communication. Starter

The Starter shall signal the Referee that is ready for start the competition .

Shall signal the swimmer by the starter command “Take your marks” and the starting signal.

Shall signal the Referee after the signal starting has been given.



*“Starter command”*

# Officials Communication. Officials

The Officials shall signal the Chief Judge, Referee gesture the hand with a finger extended

Shall keep the swimmers informed in individual events 800 and 1500 meters of the remaining number of laps to be completed by displaying lapcounter and a warming signal in the last two length plus five meters.

Shall report any violation on signed cards detailing the event.



*“Warming signal”*

# Officials Communication. Infractions

The following communication shall be use for reporting violations..

When noticing an infraction, the official shall raise a hand overhead immediately to the Chief Judge, Referee..

Report the infraction in writing to the Referee detailing the event, heat number and violation using correctly the rule terminology.

Be prepared to accurately answer 3 questions about your **Jurisdiction** , **Description** and **Infraction**



*“Be prepared for the 3 questions”*



# Officials Daily De-Briefing Meeting.

## Information

The following information shall be available at the Officials daily De-Briefing Meeting:

- Swimming officials allocation and procedure impressions.
- Calls and decisions made by the Referee
- Protests and Incidences
- ...



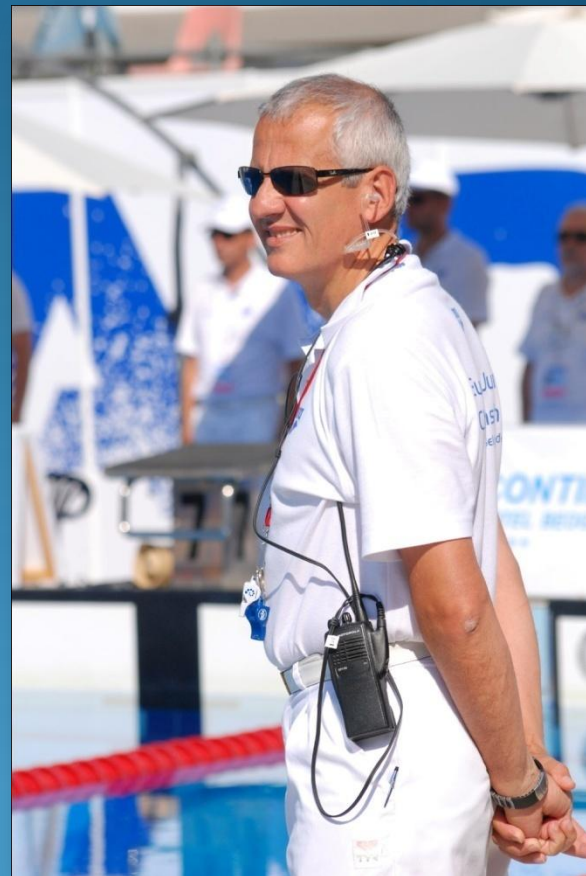
*“Information for the Officials daily De-Briefing Meeting”*

# Communication System.

The OC shall provide a radio communication system that allows communication between all members of the competition, technical and management teams .

As a minimum this shall include:

Referee / OC Swimming delegate / Clerk of course / Announcer / Victory Ceremony organizer and Timing Office.



***“One of our most important priorities”***





***“Sometimes we can’t control communication”***

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# Radio communication. Officials

## OBJECTIVE

It is important that radios be used properly to ensure accurate, efficient, and effective communication among officials.

## General Usage

1. Be familiar with the radio equipment
2. Speak in a calm, natural voice.
3. Do not use de radio unprofessional.
4. Do use the radios to report an infraction.



*“Be familiar with the radio equipment”*

# Radio communication. General Usage

## 1. Be familiar with the radio equipment.

- How to turn on/off.
- Not voiced activated
- Setting of volume control

## 2. Speak in a calm, natural voice.

- Key the microphone briefly before speaking
- Hold the microphone hold down during speaking.
- Stop speaking before releasing the microphone key.



*“Speak in calm, natural voice”*

# Radio communication. General Usage

3. Do not use de radio unprofessional.
  - Call attention to an attlete, volunteer, coach or spectator.
  - Transmit any information that could be miscontrued as being “unprofessional” in nature
4. Do use the radios to report an infraction.
  - Report an infraction or additional infraction information.
  - Conduct meet business, including safety incidents, injuries, equipment failures, and other meet specific information critical to the operation of the meet.



*“Report an infraction”*



# Radio communication. Reporting process

**Suggested reporting process:**

**The Chief Judge or official shall report in a calm, clear concise manner.**

**“Proposal of disqualification”**

**1. Immediately identify and relay quadrant of pool, turn or start end, stroke side.**

**2. Upon reaching the Official making the call**

- ✓ Verify lane number and immediately report it to the referee**
- ✓ Verify infraction**
- ✓ Verify the rule.**
- ✓ Verify the jurisdiction**



***“Timeliness of reporting is important, but never sacrifice accuracy for speed”***

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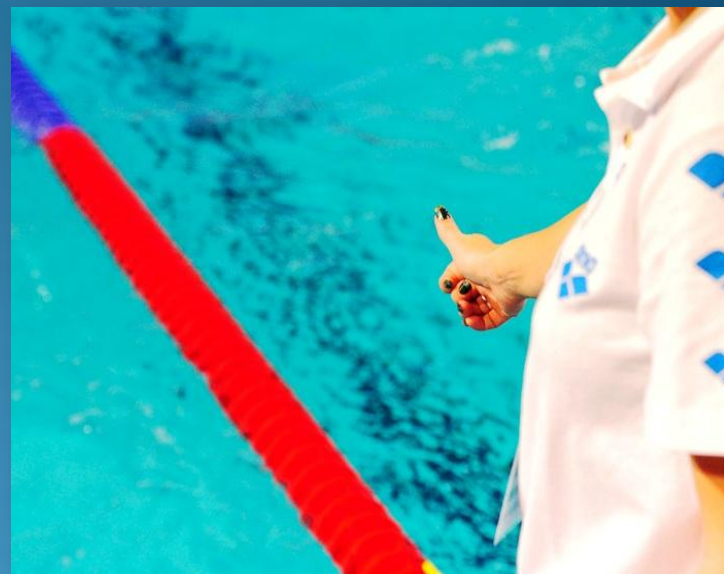
**3. If all is order, make recommendation to the Referee.**

- ✓ Restate the lane number and infraction.
- ✓ Recommend acceptance OR
- ✓ Recommend rejection.

The Referee “restates the infraction, lane number” to make sure they heard correctly and states:

**“DISQUALIFICATION CONFIRMED, write up”.**

**“DISQUALIFICATION REJECTED, there is no call.**



***“Disqualification confirmed or rejected”***

# Radio communication. Reporting process

**Suggested reporting process:**

**The Chief judge or the Official will:  
Write the disqualification using the  
“Swimming Rule Quick Reference  
Infraction Card”**

**This card is to assist as a quick  
reference guide for Stroke Judges,  
Turn Judges,..etc**

**It must not be used as a substitute  
for the thorough knowledge of  
FINA rules**

<b>Swimming Rule Quick Reference Infraction Card</b>	
<i>This card is to assist as a quick reference guide for Judges of Stroke, Inspector of Turns. It must not be used as a substitute for the thorough knowledge of FINA Rules</i>	
<b>STARTS</b>	<b>FINA RULE</b>
Any swimmer starting before the starting signal will be disqualified	SW 4.4
<b>FREESTYLE SWIMMING</b>	<b>FINA RULE</b>
Form stroke swum in Freestyle leg of medley	SW 5.1
Swimmer did not touch the wall at the turn	SW 5.2
Swimmer's head did not surface at or before 15m mark following the start or turn	SW 5.3
Swimmer totally submerged (except for first 15m at start & turn)	SW 5.3
Swimmer walked or pushed off the bottom of the pool	SW 10.4
<b>BACKSTROKE SWIMMING</b>	<b>FINA RULE</b>
Swimmer left position on the back (other than to execute continuous turning action)	SW 6.2
Swimmer totally submerged, except in first 15m following the start, turn or finish	SW 6.3
Swimmer executed arm pull, kick independently of turning whilst off the back	SW 6.4
Swimmer did not touch the wall during the turn	SW 6.4
Swimmer stood on the bottom of the pool	SW 10.4
<b>BUTTERFLY SWIMMING</b>	<b>FINA RULE</b>
Body not on the breast (except when executing a turn)	SW 8.1
Arms not brought forward over the water	SW 8.2
Arms not brought forward together	SW 8.2
Arms not brought backward simultaneously	SW 8.2
Movements of the feet not simultaneous	SW 8.3
Alternating movement of legs of feet	SW 8.3
Swimmer used breaststroke kick	SW 8.3
Touch at finish or turn with one hand, or touch not simultaneous	SW 8.4
Swimmer's head did not surface at or before 15m mark following the start or turn	SW 8.5
Swimmer totally submerged (except in first 15m after start and turn)	SW 8.5
More than one arm pull under water (following start or turn)	SW 8.5
Swimmer stood on the bottom of the pool	SW 10.4

***“Swimming Rule Quick  
Reference Infraction Card”***



# Advertising & Communication.



***“Advertising  
Is also communication and is  
permitted only in accordance  
with regulations”***

# Advertising & Communication.

Identification in the form of logos on Swimwear, i.e swimsuit, cap and goggles, and pool deck equipment, i.e track suits, towels and bags, is permitted in accordance with regulations.

Body advertisement is not allowed in any way whatsoever.

Advertising for tobacco or alcohol is not allowed.



*“Advertising is permitted in accordance with regulations”*





***“Good and solid communication are important in Swimming Events”***

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FOR  
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