

ARTICLE IV – SWIMMING OFFICIALS

A. OFFICIALS

1. All Referees, Starters, Stroke and Turn Judges must be certified as stated in Section D of Article I. The number and type of officials (and volunteers) that should be used in conducting a FCSL swimming competition are listed below.

If possible, the number should match the list in the "Recommended" column; if not enough people are available, competition may be conducted using only those in the "Minimum" column which is the norm for dual meets in 6 lane courses.

<u>Recommended</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>* Semi- Automatic Timing Minimum</u>
1 Referee, may also act as Starter	1 Referee, also acts as Starter <u>and</u> as both Stroke & Turn Judges	1 Referee, also acts as Starter <u>and</u> as both Stroke & Turn Judges.
2 Stroke & Turn Judges		
3 Timers per lane, including the Head Timer	3 Timers per lane, including the Head Timer.	2 Timers per lane, using Semi-Automatic Timing Device (SATD) (including the Head Timer)
3 Back up Timers for pool	1 Back up Timer for pool	1 Backup Timer for pool, & 1 Timer per lane must use a Backup watch. This can be one or more of the SAT timers (watch in other hand to SATD) or an added Timer.
4 Scorers, 2 per club with 1 Home Scorer serving as Chief Scorer	2 Scorers, 1 per club with 1 Home Scorer serving as Chief Scorer	2 Scorers, (1 per club) with Home Scorer serving as Chief Scorer
2 Ribbon Writers (one per club)	2 Ribbon Writers (one per club)	1 Ribbon Writers (one per club) to paste labels on Ribbons & for general help (Runner)
2 Runners to deliver time cards to Scorers	1 Runner	
1 Announcer	1 Announcer	1 Announcer
33 officials for a Six Lane Meet	26 Officials for a Six Lane Meet	18 Officials for a Six Lane Meet

* Semi-Automatic Timing (SAT) includes timing systems started by a single starting device (Starter) stopped by an individual acting as a Lane Timer. (Example - Swimmingly system)

1. An individual may act in more than one official capacity where necessary, but no Timer shall act in any other capacity, except as a Head Timer, Backup Timer for Semi-Automatic Timing. No other official shall act as a Timer. No staff member nor parent from either competing club in a dual meet should serve as a Referee or Starter.
2. Referee/Starter. For dual meets the Officials Chair shall notify the home and visiting coach of his or her assignment of a certified Referee/Starter at the beginning of the season but no later than at least one day prior to the meet.
3. It is recommended that a Referee/Starter for a dual meet be paid the **minimum recommended amount** by the home club, plus a **flat fee** for Unofficial heats. If available, a Starter, in addition to the Referee may be appointed. A second Official should be assigned for dual meets in an 8 lane course.
4. For Divisional and League Championship Meets there must be a Referee and a separate Starter, each of whom will be paid a **minimum amount** by the league. If available, in addition, Stroke and Turn Judges may be appointed. Assignments will be notified by the Officials Chair.

CHECK the FCSL website for updated various Recommended Minimum Fees in Appendix. XXII

Part sentence added to last line of B 1.b. App't of Sw' Officials & Meet Vol's:

Such an "unofficial" Score Sheet may be kept **even if using a networked digital system (such as Swimmingly)** but is not required.

Sentence added to last line of B 2.c. General Provisions - Swimming:

Any lack of officials or volunteers should be noted to the Divisional Chair, Officials Chair and/or President after the meet.

Section C Referee 7. changed to read with added/changed items in red:

1. Timers' Meeting
 - a. Approximately 10 minutes before the start of the competition, the swimming Referee shall call together all Timers to check their watches **or, if used, semi-automatic timing devices (in a 'huddle')**. He or she shall have all watches, **or all other devices**, started together at the beeper or whistle and, approximately 60 seconds later, stopped at a second beeper or whistle. The range in time among the watches should not be more than 3-tenths of a second. **The range in time among the semi-automatic devices should not be more than 3-tenths of a second. (0.30 sec)**
 - b. A watch **or timing device** that checks out as too fast or too slow should be rechecked; if again it checks out as too fast or too slow, the watch **or timing device**, should be marked as "defective" on a piece of tape and not used during the meet.
 - c. It should not be necessary for the Referee, unless specifically asked to do so, to instruct the Timers further. Those unfamiliar with their duties should be assigned to experienced Head Timers for instruction and supervision during the meet.

Section M Scorers. 1, 3, 5 edited with added items in red:

1. Every Official Swimmer -- The Scorers shall record on the Score Sheet the Official time of every official swimmer in each event -- NOT just the time of the first three finishers. Such recording shall be in accordance with information provided on the Timers cards **(if used)**. **Alternatively a networked digital system (such as Swimmingly) may be used to record the Official times of each swimmer.**
3. Team Scores -- The Scorers shall compile cumulative team scores and/or **access the scores from a networked digital system** and, from time to time, provide such information to the Announcer.
5. Recording of Disqualification
 - a. The Scorers shall not record a DQ on the Score Sheet or **digital Scoring System** unless such DQ has been personally reported to them by the Referee.
 - b. No-Entry -- The Chief Scorer shall immediately notify the Referee of such violation, "swimmer competing in an event for which his/her name has not been entered, or not entered in time, on the Score Sheet" **or digital scoring system**. Upon approval by the Referee, the Chief Scorer shall enter that swimmer's name on the Score Sheet, followed by the notation: "DQ - No Entry". The Referee should notify the swimmer's Coach of such DQ.

Section O Special Situations edited by phrase addition:

- O. SPECIAL SITUATIONS
 1. Changing the Official Card -- Simple and obvious clerical errors such as incorrect event numbers or event description, club name, age group or sex shall be changed by the Scorers as discovered. Any other changes on such cards **or in the digital scoring system** shall be made only as provided below:

Minor edits:

*In section F CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRIES changed ALT to **An Alternate***

In section G TEAM ENTRIES & MASTER SHEETS (...) 2. :

*Word must changed to **should***

Added phrase in red to paragraph:

For more specific instructions on producing these entry files please see Appendix XX which explains how to do Hy-Tek Team Mgr entries, **or if using Swimmingly to make your entry, instructions are available for download on fcsl.info on Info Downloads page**

In next section, H. CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

The following two awards sections to be added after the Mark Newcombe award section:

4. Water Polo Most Outstanding athlete Award

This award honors the ongoing legacy of Greenwich High School's Water Polo Coach & Swim Coach Terry Lowe who brought the sport of Water Polo to Fairfield County.

Selection is solely at the discretion of the Water Polo V-President and Water Polo Coaches Rep' of the Fairfield County Swim League to honor the most outstanding FCSL Water Polo athlete.

5. Wayne Pollak Coaches Award

This award is given to a special individual for outstanding dedication to their team and to the sport of swimming. Although they may not be the fastest swimmer, their team spirit, superior effort and work ethic, and always positive attitude have been an inspiration to their team members, and coaches alike.

Following Awards sections to be renumbered as sections have been inserted:

6. Divisionals

7. Finals (Counties)