

Guidelines for Meet Warm-Up

The following guidelines are recommended for warm-up periods at all meets:

1. A designated supervisor shall be on the deck during the entire warm-up period.
2. Swimmers shall enter the water feet-first except for starts which are limited to specific lanes.
3. Specify Lanes 2 and 5 (six-lane pool) or Lanes 2 and 7 (eight-lane pool) as one-way sprint lanes with racing starts permitted at the starting end of the pool.
4. Place a cone marker or similar sign on starting platforms in lanes not specified as one-way sprint lanes.
5. Specify center lanes for circle swimming (two lengths of the pool beginning at the starting end of the pool).
6. Specify the outside lanes as pace lanes (swimmers swim one or two lengths from an in-water push-off position from the starting end of the pool).
7. May specify lanes for ready practice during the last 15 minutes of the warm-up.
8. Coaches should stand at the starting end of the pool and verbally start swimmers for sprint or pace work.
9. Swimmers should not be allowed on a starting platform when a backstroker is executing a start in the same sprint lane.
10. Swimmer shall not swim in the area where the diving warm-up is occurring.

Meet management or a designated official may remove a swimmer, coach and/or team from the deck for violations of these recommendations. In facilities that have a warm-up and/or warm-down area, management shall provide supervision of the area(s) at all times.