

SW 1 ● MANAGEMENT OF COMPETITIONS

SW 1.1 The Management Committee appointed by the governing body shall have jurisdiction over all matters not assigned by the rules to the referee, judges or other officials and shall have power to postpone events and give directions consistent with rules adopted for conducting any event.

SW 1.2 ● At the Olympic Games and World Championships the FINA Bureau shall appoint the following minimum numbers of officials for the control of the competitions:

- referee (1)
- *control-room supervisor(1)*
- judges of stroke (4)
- starters (2)
- chief inspectors of turns (2, 1 at each end of the pool)
- inspectors of turns (1 at each end of each lane)
- chief recorder (1)
- ~~Recorder (2)~~
- clerks of course (2)
- false start rope personnel (1)
- announcer (1)

SW 2.2 ● Control-room Supervisor

SW 2.2.1 The supervisor shall supervise the automatic timing operation including the review of backup timing cameras.

SW 2.2.2 The supervisor is responsible for checking the results from computer printouts.

SW 2.2.3 The supervisor is responsible for checking the relay exchange printout and reporting any early takeoffs to the referee.

SW 2.2.4 The supervisor may review the video used for backup timing to confirm early takeoff.

SW 2.2.5 The supervisor shall control withdrawals after the heats or finals, enter results on official forms, list all new records established, and maintain scores where appropriate.

SW 2.6 ● JUDGES OF STROKE

- SW 2.6.1 Judges of stroke shall be located on each side of the pool.
- SW 2.6.2● Each judge of stroke shall ensure that the rules related to the style of swimming designated for the event are being observed, and shall observe the turns *and the finishes* to assist the inspectors of turns.
- SW 2.6.3 Judges of stroke shall report any violation to the referee on signed cards detailing the event, lane number and the infringement.

SW 6 ● BACKSTROKE

- SW 6.1● Prior to the starting signal, the swimmers shall line up in the water facing the starting end, with both hands holding the starting grips. ~~The feet, including the toes, shall be under the surface of the water.~~ Standing in or on the gutter or bending the toes over the lip of the gutter is prohibited.
- SW 6.2 At the signal for starting and after turning the swimmer shall push off and swim upon his back throughout the race except when executing a turn as set forth in SW 6.4. The normal position on the back can include a roll movement of the body up to, but not including 90 degrees from horizontal. The position of the head is not relevant.
- SW 6.3● Some part of the swimmer must break the surface of the water throughout the race. It *is* permissible for the swimmer to be completely submerged during the turn, at the finish and for a distance of not more than 15 metres after the start and each turn. By that point the head must have broken the surface.
- SW 6.4● *When executing the turn there must be a touch of the wall with some part of the swimmer's body.* During the turn the shoulders may be turned over the vertical to the breast after which a continuous single arm pull or a continuous simultaneous double arm pull may be used to initiate the turn. ~~Once the body has left the position on the back, any kick or arm pull must be part of the continuous turning action.~~ The swimmer must have returned to a position on the back upon leaving the wall.
- SW 6.5● Upon the finish of the race the swimmer must touch the wall while on the back. ~~The body may be submerged at the touch.~~

SW 7 ● BREASTSTROKE

- SW 7.1● From the beginning of the first armstroke after the start and after each turn, the body shall be kept on the breast. It is not permitted to roll onto the back at any time. Throughout the race the stroke cycle must be one arm stroke and one leg kick in that order.
- SW 7.2 All movements of the arms shall be simultaneous and in the same horizontal plane without alternating movement.
- SW 7.3 The hands shall be pushed forward together from the breast on, under, or over the water. The elbows shall be under the water except for the final stroke before the turn, during the turn and for the final stroke at the finish. The hands shall be brought back on or under the surface of the water. The hands shall not be brought back beyond the hip line, except during the first stroke after the start and each turn.
- SW 7.4● During each complete cycle, some part of the swimmer's head shall break the surface of the water. After the start and after each turn, the swimmer may take one arm stroke completely back to the legs. The head must break the surface of the water before the hands turn inward at the widest part of the second stroke. A single downward dolphin kick followed by a breaststroke kick is permitted while wholly submerged. Following which all movements of the legs shall be simultaneous and in the same horizontal plane without alternating movement.
- SW 7.5● The feet must be turned outwards during the propulsive part of the kick. A scissors, flutter or downward dolphin kick is not permitted except as in SW 7.4. Breaking the surface of the water with the feet is allowed unless followed by a downward dolphin kick.
- SW 7.6 At each turn and at the finish of the race, the touch shall be made with both hands simultaneously at, above, or below the water level. The head may be submerged after the last arm pull prior to the touch, provided it breaks the surface of the water at some point during the last complete or incomplete cycle preceding the touch.
- ~~SW 7.7 — During each complete cycle of one arm stroke and one leg kick, in that order, some part of the swimmer's head shall break the surface of the water, except that after the start and after each turn the swimmer may take one arm stroke completely back to the legs and one leg kick while wholly submerged. The head must break the surface of the water before the hands turn inward at the widest part of the second stroke.~~

SW 8 BUTTERFLY

SW 8.3 All up and down movements of the legs must be simultaneous. The ~~position of the~~ legs or feet need not be at the same level, but they shall not alternate in relation to each other. A breaststroke kicking movement is not permitted.

SW 10 THE RACE

SW 10.10 In relay events, the team of a swimmer whose feet lose touch with the starting platform before the preceding team-mate touches the wall shall be disqualified, ~~unless the swimmer in default returns to the original starting point at the wall, but it shall not be necessary to return to the starting platform.~~