

## **JUDGES:**

In Open Water Swimming there are three types of Judges being:



- ① **Finish Judges;**
- ② **Race Judges;** and
- ③ **Turn Judges**

each of whom are quite different from the other and all their duties involve watching the swimmers and each are vitally important for the success of the competition.

## **FINISH JUDGES:**

For Open Water Swimming Meets Finish Judges are always required. General Requirements apply to Finish Judges' appointments.

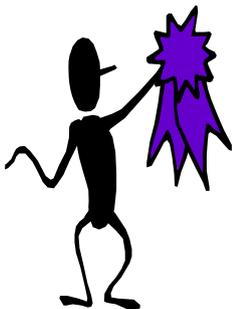
A minimum of three (3) Finish Judges will be appointed, one of whom shall be appointed Chief Finish Judge.

As at the "Pool", the most important duty of the Finish Judge is to place all swimmers in their order of finish. The difference between the "Pool" and Open Water Swimming is that you place the swimmers by their swimmer number as opposed to lane numbers and should a Finish Judge fail to place all swimmers you do not discard the Finish Judge's placings.

### ***What to bring?***

-  Pencils;
-  Clipboard; and
-  Note pad/writing paper.

### ***What to do?***



-  Take up your position as assigned by the Chief Finish Judge;
-  Position yourself so that you have an unobstructed view of the finish (that may be a fixed vertical strike plate, a line suspended above the water surface or a projected line between the shore and a buoy) and if there is an elevated position USE IT! Ensure that your view of the finish of the race is unobstructed by other Technical Officials, spectators or escort safety craft;
-  Place each swimmer as he/she touches the finish plate or crosses the finish line or rounds a buoy or other object as instructed by the Referee / Chief

Finish Judge. Each Finish Judge records each swimmer's place in the manner prescribed, that is, by recording the swimmers' numbers in lap order/relative finish order on your note pad/writing paper;

-  When recording the swimmers' order do not murmur or speak out aloud as this may distract or influence the other Finish Judges.
-  When asked, pass your signed and dated record of relative placings to the Chief Finish Judge.

### Finish/Turn Judges' Placement Sheet

Place	Swimmers' Number
1	5
2	10
3	14
4	18
5	2
6	7
7	17
8	8
9	9
10	13
11	3
12	6
13	12
14	4
15	11
16	19
17	21
18	15
19	20
20	22
21	1
22	16

Finish Judges are **NOT PERMITTED** to act as timekeepers in the same event.

**CHIEF FINISH JUDGE'S duties:**

In addition to the above, the Chief Finish Judge:



- ✍ Assigns the Finish Judges to positions in line with the finish;
- ✍ Directs the Finish Judges on their duties;
- ✍ Places all swimmers in lap order and in their order of finish;
- ✍ Receives the other Finish Judges' signed and dated relative records of finish and determines the order of finish records, signs and dates; and
- ✍ Forwards the determined order of finish to the Chief Recorder/Referee.



**RULES** The following rules relate to the Finish Judges' responsibilities and duties:

**FINA**

OWS3.20

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OWS3.22

OWS3.23

*and the Finish of the Race*

OWS7.1 to OWS7.7

**SNSW**

OWS4.20

OWS4.21

OWS4.22

OWS4.23

*AND THE Finish of the Race*

OWS7.1 to OWS7.7