

## Southgate Penguins - Timer and Recorder Instructions

*-Timers should come prepared with clothing and shoes you don't mind getting a bit wet.*

**TIMERS & RECORDERS ARE VITAL AT MEETS: ACCURATE TIMING DATA IS CRITICAL.**

***As the swimmer approaches, stand up, and look down.*** Timers are required to stand at the edge of the pool looking straight down the wall to see the swimmer touch the wall to get an accurate time. It is not possible to get an accurate time from your seat. Timers may sit down between heats and while waiting for the swimmer to near the wall.

There are 2 different types of Timing Devices:

1. **Plungers** – these are the digital push-button displays that are at each lane, they are part of the Dolphin timing system. When the starter initiates each heat, the time for these Plungers starts automatically – all the timer does is stop the time the moment the swimmer touches the wall. Then show the time to the recorder behind you.

2. **Stopwatches** – there will be one stopwatch operator in each lane. For each heat the timer starts the watch as soon as they see the strobe flash on the starting horn. All timers stop the watch at the moment the swimmer touches the wall at the completion of their race. After each heat the time on the watch is recorded next to the swimmers name on the event form (by the recorder). Do not clear the time on the watch until you are certain the time has been recorded. Remember to clear your watch after each heat and to start the watch on the flash of the starting horn strobe (do not wait for the sound).

**Stop the plunger/stopwatch when any part of the swimmers body touches the wall** (hand/shoulder/ head/etc). It is not a Timers job to determine if a swimmer should be disqualified (DQ'd) due to a 2 hand touch issue.

DO NOT WAIT FOR 2 HANDS TO TOUCH, STOP THE TIMER AS SOON AS THE SWIMMER CONTACTS THE WALL, ABOVE OR BELOW THE WATERLINE. The Home Team Head Coach is responsible for DQ'ing swimmers.

**If you miss starting your stopwatch, immediately signal the head timer: they will provide you with a replacement watch for that heat.**

**Flyover starts** (for 11 and ups/50 yards) occur when the swimmer who just completed a race stays in the water until after the start of the next race.

\*Many swimmers want to immediately know their time, be prepared to tell them.

\*\*No cell phones, eating food, or children sitting with parents while Timing /Recording.

\*\*\*No photography or recording behind the blocks (behind diving swimmers).