

POOLSIDE OFFICIALS ROLE

Referee

1. The Referee (in case of multiple Referees – The chief Referee is The Referee) shall have complete control and authority over all officials, approve their assignments, and instruct them regarding all specific features or regulations related to the competitions. They shall enforce all IISA rules and decisions. They shall decide all questions relating to the actual conduct of the meet and event or the competition, the final settlement of which is not otherwise covered by the rules.
2. The Referee may intervene in the competition at any stage to ensure that the IISA regulations are observed and shall adjudicate all protests related to the competition in progress.
3. The Referee shall ensure that all necessary officials are in their respective posts for the conduct of the competition. They may appoint substitutes for any who are absent, incapable of acting or found to be inefficient. They may appoint additional officials if considered necessary.
4. The Referee shall disqualify any swimmer for any other violation of the rules that they observe. The Referee may also disqualify any swimmer for any violation reported to him by other authorised officials. All disqualifications are subject to the referee's decision.
5. All potential infractions shall be verbally reported to the Referee. Once confirmed by the Referee, the reporting official shall complete a signed disqualification card detailing the event, lane number, and infraction.
6. A Referee for IISA International Events must be an accredited WA and soon IISA Accredited Referee.
7. The Referee must be an IISA Accredited Referee for National or Local Events.

Starter

1. The Starter shall have complete control of the swimmers from the time the Referee turns them over to him until the race has commenced. The IISA Swimming Rules shall give the start.
2. The Starter shall report a swimmer to the Referee for delaying the start, for wilful disobeying an order or for any other misconduct occurring at the start. Still, only the Referee may disqualify a swimmer for such delay, wilful disobedience or misconduct.
3. The Starter shall have the power to decide whether the start is fair, subject only to the decision of the Referee.
4. When starting an event, the Starter shall stand on the side of the pool within approximately five metres of the starting edge of the pool, where the timekeepers can see and/or hear the starting signal and the swimmers can hear it.
5. The Starter shall report to the Referee any violation observed within their jurisdiction.

Inspectors of turns

1. One Inspector of Turns shall be assigned to each lane at each end of the pool to ensure swimmers comply with the relevant rules after the start, for each turn, and at the finish.

2. For each turn, jurisdiction for the Inspector of Turns commences from the beginning of the last arm stroke before touching and ending with the completion of the first arm stroke after the turn, except in Breaststroke, where it shall be the second arm stroke.
3. In relay events, each inspector at the starting end shall determine whether the starting swimmer is in contact with the starting platform when the preceding swimmer touches the starting wall.
4. Inspectors of Turns shall report any violation observed within their jurisdiction to the Referee.

Judges of strokes

1. Judges of Stroke shall be located on each side of the pool.
2. Each Judge of Stroke shall ensure that the rules related to the swimming style designated for the event are being observed and shall observe the turns and the finishes to assist the Inspectors of Turns.
3. Judges of Stroke shall report any violation observed within their jurisdiction to the Referee.

Official's decision making

1. Officials shall make their decisions autonomously and independently of each other.

Timekeepers

1. Each timekeeper shall take the swimmers' time in the lane assigned to him.
2. Each timekeeper shall start their watch at the starting signal and stop it when the swimmer in their lane has completed the race. The Referee may instruct timekeepers to record times at intermediate distances in races longer than 100 metres.
3. Promptly after the race, the timekeepers in each lane shall record the times of their watches on the card, give them to the Chief Timekeeper, and, if requested, present their watches for inspection. Their watches must be cleared at the short whistle of the Referee announcing the following race.

PROTEST, APPEAL, JURY

Protest

If a swimmer or their representative disagrees with the Referee's decision regarding their conduct in the competition or during the event, they are entitled to initiate a Protest.

Appeal

Once the Referee has responded to a Protest with a decision, the swimmer or their representative is entitled to Appeal the decision and request that it be taken to the Appeal Jury.

Note— In international competition, it is customary (but not obligatory) to request a deposit for Protest and Appeal processes to magnify their significance. If the Protest or Appeal is overruled, the Event retains the deposit. IISA has not implemented this yet.

1. Protests are possible:
 - 1.1. if the rules and regulations during the event are not adhered to, or
 - 1.2. other conditions endanger the event and/or the athletes or
 - 1.3. against the Referee's decisions; however, no protest shall be allowed against judgments of fact, only against decisions.
2. A protest must be submitted.
 - 2.1. In writing on IISA Protest form to the Referee, by the Swimmer or representative, within 30 minutes for distances of 50m to 250m and 45min for 500m and 1000m, following the conclusion of the respective event or match.
3. If conditions causing a potential protest are noted before the event, a protest must be lodged before the signal to start is given.
4. The Referee shall consider all protests. If the Referee rejects the protest, the Referee must state the reasons for their decision. The swimmer or his representative may appeal the rejection to the Jury of Appeal, whose decision will be final.

Jury of appeal

1. The Jury of Appeal shall be composed By IISA and the Event Organisers.
2. Each member shall have one vote, except as provided hereunder, and in case of equality of voting, the Chairman has a casting vote.