

# Mountain Hi Swim League

## Stroke & Turn Judge Staffing Procedures

### Prelims / Championships

The following is the Mountain Hi Swim League suggested method for handling the officiating at prelims and championships. Due to the size of the teams in your division, pool configurations, and personnel available, modifications may need to be made.

Personnel needed:

- Host team must provide the Meet Referee and a minimum of 1 Starter (these positions need not necessarily be from the host team)
- Each team will provide a minimum of 2 Stroke & Turn Judges
- Each team will provide a minimum of 1 Chief Judge

Rotation Procedures for Stroke & Turn Judges:

- Create two groups of Stroke & Turn Judges, one official from each team. For the first group, position the judges as follows around the deck – 2 Turn Judges at the start end, 2 Turn Judges at the turn end, and 1 Stroke Judge on each side of the pool. Rotate the judges every 10 minutes. At the end of the first hour, every judge should have been in each position on the deck.
- Near the end of the first hour, the second group should be in place to take over the deck. Each judge should find the judge from his/her own team and replace that person on the hour. The same rotation procedures should be followed for the new team.
- Continue to alternate the groups (on for an hour, off for an hour) until the meet is over. For those teams who provide more than 2 Stroke & Turn Judges, they can determine who works which hour allotments. Just make sure the Meet Referee knows who will be working when.

Rotation Procedures for Chief Judges:

- The Chief Judges will work in pairs, breaking the meet into 3 shifts by events. The first shift will work events 1-30, the second shift will do events 31-60, and the last shift will have events 61-90. If a team cannot provide a Chief Judge, it is their responsibility to find someone from another team to fill their volunteer spot.
- If there is not enough staff to provide three shifts for the Chief Judges, the shift can be broken down into hourly rotations with fewer Judges (4 Chief Judges, with 2 on and 2 off). If a bare minimum of staff is available (only 2 Chief Judges), the Meet Referee may want to consider including the 2 Chief Judge positions in the Stroke & Turn Judge rotation.

Dual Confirmation for Relay Take-offs:

- Use the off duty Stroke & Turn Judges for observing take-offs on the Medley Relays. Position them one on each side of the pool where exchanges will take place. (For 8 & Unders, there will be 2 Relay Take-off Judges at each end of the pool.) For Freestyle relays, use the existing Turn Judges at each end of the pool.
- Provide the personnel with relay take-off slips for marking the exchanges. Once the heat is over, the relay take-off slips must be turned in to the Meet Referee, who will determine if an infraction has occurred.