Disqualifications

Many swimmers and parents are often confused at internal galas and open meets, when viewing a disqualification on the result sheets and they are confronted by a series of letters which in isolation mean nothing to them. Please find below the disqualification codes used by the SPORTSYSTEMS meet software, which is the software used by the club and at county championships.

Below the codes is a selection of commonly occurring disqualification events and a more detailed explanation of the likely cause.

If you are unsure of why you/ your swimmer has been disqualified please consult your coach for a more detailed explanation, preferably with the DQ code to hand, as quite often the coaches are unaware during a meat that a swimmer has been disqualified.

Commonly occurring codes

ST   A false start – starting before the starting signal

SA   Arms not clearing the water in butterfly or not simultaneous

Arms not simultaneous on breaststroke or elbows coming out of the water

Arms being taken back beyond the hips in breaststroke apart from the underwater section at the start and after each turn.

SL   Alternating legs on butterfly

None simultaneous leg action on breaststroke (A screw kick)

T   Hands not touching simultaneously on butterfly & breaststroke

A non-continuous turning action on backstroke (gliding/kicking in on the breast)

Not touching the wall on Freestyle or backstroke

FI   Hands not touching simultaneously on butterfly & breaststroke

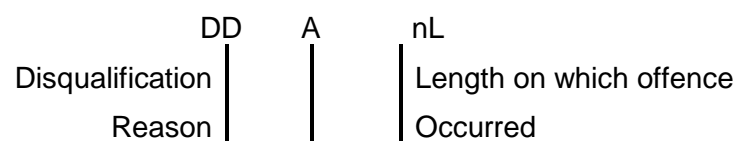Finishing a Freestyle or backstroke race submerged

Disqualification Codes

N.B. length no. 1 given when length not known

SPORTSYSTEMS Meet Organisation system incorporates, as part of the Results Reporting module, the set of standard abbreviations defining reason for disqualification which have been adopted by the European Swimming Writers.

Whenever a competitor is disqualified the reason is reported against the swimmers name using the following set of codes.

Turn	T
Finish	FI
Stroke	S -----> Arms A / Head Position H / Legs L
Start	ST
Takeover	O — Early Start / Stroke Change M
Fouling	FO
Wrong Lane	L
Misconduct	M
Equipment	E

```
            DD      A      nL
Disqualification |      |      | Length on which offence
      Reason |      |      | Occurred
                  Appeal
                  Status
```

Examples		
	SH A 3L	Stroke - Head, Appeal made, 3rd Length
	OM X 2L	Medley Relay takeover - wrong stroke
		Appeal disallowed 2nd Length
	E	Equipment code violation
	ST	Start