

Mentoring Judge Level 2 Candidates



- a) Put the candidates at ease and always talk to them and explain what is going on.
- b) When mentoring Judge of Stroke explain which lanes you are responsible for, unless told differently by the Referee, usually you would concentrate on your half of the pool, although not ignoring infringements in any lane.
- c) Where a Judge of Stroke should be positioned at the start of the race, usually between 5m and 15m so they can observe the swimmers in relation to the 15m mark (often asked to operate the recall rope).
- d) Where you are positioned during the race, this is usually abreast or just behind the last swimmer but making sure that no swimmer is being unobserved in longer races when they have spread over the whole course. In these circumstances you may need to check the position of the Referee and the other Judge of Stroke.
- e) Judges of Stroke duties include assisting the Inspector of Turns in particular in relation to the 15m mark in the relevant strokes so need to be in a position to observe the turns.
- f) Explain what you are looking for on each stroke but don't try to cram everything into one race. For example, for several races, in breaststroke you may wish to explain that you are looking for the head breaking the surface each cycle and that the elbows remain under the water then, for several races concentrate on what you are looking for in relation to the hands and arms and then finally explain the feet and legs.
- g) Point out where the 15m marks are from each end of the pool. In 25m pools often the recall rope is at 12 m, in the middle.
- h) Show disqualification slips and how they should be completed. Remember that the correct terminology should be used, for example in butterfly for an underwater recovery at the finish you should write "Arms not brought forward over the water" with additional information "Underwater recovery at the finish".
- i) When mentoring Finish Judges show how you record the finish and report it to the referee, this will depend on whether place sheets, place slips etc are being used.
- j) As Finish Judge, explain how at some galas you may be asked to be Inspector of Turns so if this is the case, you should be watching the first stroke after the start as well as the turns and the finish.
- k) At the end of the session please complete their workbooks and please add comments as appropriate.