

## **Starter – Questionnaire**

- 1. The FINA Start shall be used for:**
  - a. All Canadian meets.
  - b. All International meets.
  - c. All Regional competitions including club, dual, invitational and championship meets.
- 2. In SNC sanctioned meets, the starting signal shall be:**
  - a. A loud abrupt sound of an electronically activated horn.
  - b. A short whistle blast.
- 3. Some responsibilities of the Starter are:**
  - a. Ensure that each race is started fairly.
  - b. Discuss signals between Referee and Starter.
  - c. Disqualify swimmers who use illegal stroke techniques.
  - d. Announce swimmers before each race.
  - e. Call the swimmers to attention before the race using a whistle.
  - f. Ensure the Timekeepers are ready before starting the race.
  - g. Start the race as soon as all the swimmers have taken their mark and are motionless.
  - h. Disqualify swimmers for delaying the progress of the meet.
  - i. Ensure the false start recall rope is dropped when necessary.
  - j. Perform other duties as assigned by the Referee.
  - k. Report to the Referee any swimmer for delaying the start, willfully disobeying an order, or any other misconduct taking place at the start.
- 4. The Starter shall have control of the swimmers from the time:**
  - a. The Referee turns the race over to him/her.
  - b. The Referee checks that the Judges are ready.
  - c. The swimmers take their positions of readiness at the front of the starting platforms.
  - d. The Referee blows the long, loud whistle.
  - e. The Referee gestures to the starter with an outstretched arm.
- 5. The Referee may not interfere once the Starter has control of the swimmers:**
  - a. Correct
  - b. Incorrect
- 6. At the start the Starter shall:**
  - a. Ensure that the strobe light is in clear view of the Timekeepers.
  - b. Disqualify a swimmer for delay of meet

- 7. The preparatory command that immediately precedes the starting signal shall be:**
  - a. "Ready"
  - b. "Get set"
  - c. "A vous marques"
  - d. "To your marks"
  - e. "Take your marks"
  - f. "On your marks"
- 8. In the event of the malfunction of the starting device the Starter shall:**
  - a. Leave the swimmers poised and attempt to repair the malfunction
  - b. Direct the swimmers to "step down" or "relax" and announce that it is not a false start.
  - c. Call a false start and proceed immediately with another attempt.
  - d. Leave the swimmers poised and reload the pistol.
  - e. In the best interest of the swimmers, ask them to step down until the malfunction is corrected.
- 9. During the start, the Referee or Starter may:**
  - a. Elect at any time to recall the race and restart it if a fair start has not been achieved.
  - b. Direct swimmers to "step down" or "relax" and then re-attempt to start the race without assigning a false start or a disqualification.
  - c. Not recall the race, even if they believe a fair start has not been achieved.
  - d. Disqualify a swimmer who false starts, by directing the swimmers to "step down" or "relax" even though the starting signal has not been given.
  - e. Disqualify at the end of the race, any swimmer who leaves his/her mark early (jumping the gun).
  - f. Prior to the starting signal, disqualify any number of swimmers until a fair start has been achieved.
- 10. Whenever swimmers have been asked to step down and relax due to any action or lack of action on the part of the swimmer(s), the control of the race reverts to the Referee**
  - a. Correct
  - b. Incorrect
- 11. A "False Start" occurs when:**
  - a. A swimmer starts before the starting signal has been given.
  - b. The starting signal misfires.
  - c. There is an official's error
  - d. A swimmer has jumped the gun and the starting signal has been given.
- 12. Authority to call a "False Start" lies with:**
  - a. The Referee
  - b. The Chief Timekeeper
  - c. The Stroke Judge and Turn Inspector
  - d. The Starter
  - e. The Referee and Starter must agree

**13. The swimmers, other than PARA swimmers, are in the water for the start of:**

- a. 200m Individual Medley
- b. 400m Freestyle
- c. 400m Medley Relay
- d. 200m Backstroke

**14. For Backstroke events, the swimmer:**

- a. Must be in the water facing down the course.
- b. Must be in the water facing the starting end.
- c. Shall hold starting grips with both hands.
- d. Must have both feet in contact with the end of the wall.
- e. Must have toes below the water line, except PARA swimmers.
- f. May have the toes grip the gutters.
- g. Must have the feet level on the wall.
- h. Shall immediately enter the water and assume the starting position without undue delay.

**15. For events requiring a dive start, the swimmers:**

- a. Shall stand behind the starting platforms until the Referee's whistle is sounded.
- b. Shall step onto the starting platform with both feet the same distance from the front and remain stationary.
- c. On the command, "take your marks", shall take their position with at least one foot at the front of the starting platforms.
- d. May use a track start
- e. May when using the track start, adjust the back foot position.
- f. May start from the pool deck when circumstances warrant.
- g. Shall keep their heels in contact with the starting platform while awaiting the start signal, after the preparatory command has been given.
- h. Are permitted to grasp the starting platform with their hands while awaiting the starting signal.
- i. Must have both feet at the front of the starting platform.
- j. Shall step onto the starting platform and remain there.

**16. The following statements about the start are true:**

- a. The Starter may disqualify a swimmer for a false start before the start occurs.
- b. The Starter may disqualify a swimmer for a false start after the start occurs and Referee agrees.
- c. A disqualification which occurs after a successful start has been achieved is charged to the swimmer at the end of the race.
- d. Swimmers may be directed to "step down" or "relax" prior to a successful start without a false start or disqualification being assigned.