

## Head Timer

### Overview

The Head Timer plays a vital role in ensuring that valid times are obtained for each competitor. Their duties include:

- Be familiar with the timing equipment used at the meet: Dolphins hand watches, plungers
- Ensure that all the Timers are competent and that all watches are operating satisfactorily.

### Before the Meet

- For each lane, hand out: two Dolphins (must match to lane), two watches, a clipboard, heat sheets, pencils to the Timers
- Each lane requires two timers and one will record the hand watch times.
- If any of the Timers are inexperienced, the Head Timer may need to give a brief timing clinic to ensure that all timers are following the correct timing procedure.

### During the Meet

- Supervise all Timers, checking and replacing watches [or Timers] as necessary throughout the meet.
- Run TWO manual backup watches for every heat (due to failure of Timer to start at signal or another Time malfunction)

### After the Meet

- Collect your team hand watches and all Dolphins.