

Warm-up Invigilator

- Know the warm-up plan.
- Know who the Meet Safety Director (MSD) is.
- As the invigilator, whether you are the referee or the referee's designee, you have final authority over the warm-up session.
- During warm-ups the athletes are to be under the supervision of a USA Swimming coach member. Ensure that announcements are made asking swimmers without coaches in attendance to see the Meet Director, you or the referee to get attached to another coach.
- Ensure the lane marshals have been briefed before warm-ups begin.
- Be sure there is a minimum of four (4) marshals for a 6 or 8 lane pool plus the MSD and announcer on deck and in position before warm-ups begin (about 15 min.). Be sure there is a minimum of six (6) marshals using more than one warmup area (ex: 50-Meter pool for SCY).
- Understand that your job, as Invigilator, is to assist the MSD, not take over. Along with the MSD you have the latitude to make adjustments, if the dynamics of the warm-ups session dictates. Unless the MSD does something diametrically opposed to the intent of the warm-ups or the guidelines, the invigilator should not interfere. The invigilator is a resource to the MSD.
- Make sure the announcer is knowledgeable about the warm-up procedures and that s/he remains at his/her post throughout the warm-ups. The announcer is an integral part of the process.
- If a swimmer or coach persists in not following guidelines or in not responding to requests by a warm-up marshal or the MSD, the Invigilator (as the representative of the referee) and the MSD may take action against the individual.
- Items to watch for and react to: Balance coverage of the deck by marshals; un-coach-supervised swimmers and problems that result from younger swimmers warming up in the same lanes as older, bigger, faster, stronger swimmers. This latter situation is likely to occur during timed finals meet warm-up sessions when "open" events are scheduled, as well as prior to finals in a prelims-finals meet.