

Warm-up Guidelines

Lake Erie Swimming safety guidelines and warm-up procedures will be in effect at all times. Coaches must maintain contact with their swimmers during warm-up and throughout the meet. All entry into the pool for warm-up is feet first from the starting block end of the pool. Swimmers must enter the pool feet first in a cautious manner with one hand in contact with the pool edge. There is no diving during warm-up, except in designated sprint lanes. The final 20 minutes of a 40-45 minute warm-up or 15 minutes of a 30 minute warm-up shall be conducted as follows.

For a 10 lane pool:

- (a) Lanes 1 & 10 push/pace from the start end of the pool (or general warm-up at the discretion of Meet Referee or his/her designee).
- (b) Lanes 2 & 9 sprint lanes for racing starts from the starting block end of the pool, one length only and exiting the pool
- (c) Lanes 3-8 general warm-up, no diving or racing starts. Any or all of these lanes may be converted to sprint lanes at the discretion of the Meet Referee or his/her designee.

For an 8 lane pool:

- (a) Lanes 1 & 8 push/pace from the start end of the pool (or general warm-up at the discretion of the Meet Referee or his/her designee).
- (b) Lanes 2 & 7 sprint lanes for racing starts from the starting block end of the pool, one length only and exiting the pool
- (c) Lanes 3-6 general warm-up, no diving or racing starts. Any or all of these lanes may be converted to sprint lanes at the discretion of the Meet Referee or his/her designee.

For a 6 lane pool:

- (a) Lane 1 push/pace from the start end of the pool (or general warm-up at the discretion of Meet Referee or his/her designee).
- (b) Lanes 2 & 5 sprint lanes for racing starts from the starting block end of the pool, one length only and exiting the pool.
- (c) Lanes 3, 4, and 6 general warm-up, no diving or racing starts. Any or all of these lanes may be converted to sprint lanes at the discretion of the Meet Referee or his/her designee.

Swimmers are to sprint one way and climb out at the far end of the pool. Swimmers may be removed from warm-up for violating safety rules. Swimmers shall enter the pool with a 3-POINT FEET FIRST ENTRY in continuous warm-up lanes. A 3-point feet first entry is when you enter the pool with both feet while keeping one hand on the wall/deck.