

Potomac Valley Swimming Starter Evaluation Form

Starter _____
Meet _____
Session _____

Evaluator _____
Location _____
Date _____

KEY **N/O** - Not Observed **N/W** - Needs Work **G** - Good **V/G** - Very Good

	N/O	N/W	G	V/G
1. Arrives prior to the beginning of warm-up, provides assistance as needed, is prepared to perform assigned duties.	[]	[]	[]	[]
2. Has a clear and complete understanding of the Starter's duties as outlined in USAS rulebook and PVS training material	[]	[]	[]	[]
3. Is familiar with the set-up and operation of the starting system, touch pads and score board - ready indicator. Verifies that the starting equipment is operating properly prior to the beginning of competition.	[]	[]	[]	[]
4. Understands the Chief Timer's duties. Works with Referee to assure that a Chief Timer has been appointed and Timers are being recruited. Gives complete and detailed Timer briefing.	[]	[]	[]	[]
5. Interacts appropriately during meet with the Timing System Operator and/or the Chief Timer.	[]	[]	[]	[]
6. Keeps attention focused on the meet, is aware of and maintains a good pace for the time line of the meet including: -Announces event and heat in appropriate manner following Referee's chirps. -Responds appropriately by taking control of swimmers when Referee extends hand.	[]	[]	[]	[]
7. Notifies Timing System Operator of open lanes. Works with Referee to make sure Timing Judge knows about scratches, reseeding, etc. Keeps own record of open lanes. Coordinates well with Deck Referee in handling late entries, combining of heats, etc.	[]	[]	[]	[]
8. Assumes proper position on the deck for the forward and backstroke starts. Informs swimmers, by lane number, of improper starting positions if necessary.	[]	[]	[]	[]
9. Is familiar with and properly uses the Starter commands associated with for each type of start: - Speaks in a conversational tone. - Normally limits command to "Take Your Mark." - Takes additional steps to have swimmers "Step Up/In Please" only when necessary. - Uses "Stand, Please" or "Stand Down" commands properly - Corrects swimmers properly when needed re: feet positions, proper starting position, response to commands, etc - Uses voice properly to gain proper and desired reaction from the swimmers.	[]	[]	[]	[]
10. Handles False Starts properly: - Does not initiate recall signal for False Start. - Initiates recall if unfair start or in support of Referee's signal. - Recognizes when a False Start has occurred. Charges the appropriate lane(s) with the violation by writing lane #(s) on program. - Promptly records observation of each start. Coordinates requests for confirmation with Referee. - Fills out "DQ" slips properly.	[]	[]	[]	[]

11. Knows which events qualify as gun/bell lap events and takes proper associated Starter actions.

12. Understands and knows how to execute starting procedures for hearing impaired swimmers and other disabled swimmers. Does so properly if required to do so.

13. Is willing to take suggestions and modify performance as requested.

14. Adjusts well and appropriately to unusual or unexpected circumstances.

15. Accomplishes meet close-out (power down of starting equipment, recharging equipment, reviews session with referee, etc.)

16. Overall performance rating?

17. Is this person recommended to become a certified Starter? (If no, provide specific suggestions about needed improvement(s) in general comment section below.) **Yes** ___ **No** ___

18. General comments. (use additional page if necessary)

I acknowledge that I have received this evaluation and it has been discussed with me.

Starter's signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Evaluator's signature _____ **Date:** _____

(Starter should retain and return when applying for certification. Evaluators may make copy for their records.)