

CHIEF S&T JUDGE RESPONSIBILITIES

DURING COMPETITION:

The chief judges are placed inconspicuously at the pool corners.

(For our BST meets only it's: Lane#1/Start end and Lane#1/Turn end.)

During the free-style events they may be seated as long as they can still view their officials watching the turns.

The chief judge's focus is on the officials in his/her quadrant. When noticing an infraction, the official shall **raise their "right hand immediately" and make eye contact to the chief judge**. The **Stroke & Turn judge shall continue monitoring to insure continued deck coverage during the discussion of the disqualification**.

The chief judge will approach that official and ask:

- What did you see?
- What is the rule?
- What is your jurisdiction?

After the chief judge hears the answers from the official, the chief judge then recommends to either accept if all information is correct, or not to accept the disqualification from the official if something was wrong with the information or jurisdiction. It is then the responsibility of the chief judge at the finish end of the pool to notify the swimmer if the disqualification stands. It is recommended that the chief judge call the swimmer to a position behind the seated officials to notify him/her of the disqualification.

The decision to accept or reject a disqualification is the responsibility of the referee. When the decision to accept has been made the chief judge fills out the disqualification (DQ) report/slip and verifies all the information is correct, has that official sign the disqualification report/slip using their **First Name & Last Initial** and **then turns over the report/slip to the referee**. If a slip is filled out at the turn end of the pool, use the stroke judges as couriers to turn the slip into the referee on duty.

In the event there is a "false start" the chief judge assigned at the starting area corner will notify the swimmer of the infraction.