TECHNICAL OFFICIAL GUIDELINES

Swim Entry / Exit

It needs to be recognised that Technical Officials are at an event to ensure that the technical and safety requirements of the event are observed, Technical Officials are not there to undertake activities that are responsibilities of the Race Director (RD), or the event organisation.

Supported by: Technical Delegate, Race Referee & other Senior Technical Team members

Overview

Provide support to the Race Referee/Chief Swim to ensure that all athletes are treated fairly in the enforcement of the Race Competition Rules relating to the swim.

Responsibilities

- Understand the Swimming Conduct Section of the Race Competition Rules (Section 2).
- Confirm the water temperature with the TD or RR
- Confirm the wetsuit ruling with the TD or RR
- Confirm the start method eg: Wave Start vs Rolling Start
- Ensure athletes only are entering the swim start unless advised otherwise by the TD (or designate) eg parents of young competitors
- Where applicable, verify that competitors adhere to the designated swim cap requirements for their assigned swim group
- Where applicable and possible, check competitors are wearing the timing chip on their left leg
- For a non-wetsuit swim, check for competitors wearing wetsuits, buoyancy shorts or any clothing containing rubberised material.

NOTE: This check may be performed at the swim start and/or the swim exit

 If you are unsure or any aspect of the above or are unsure how to proceed, please clarify with the TD or RR

Reference: <u>AusTriathlon Race Competition Rules</u>

