



# INSPECTOR of TURNS (IOT) INFORMATION SHEET

## PREPARATION

- Report to the Referee at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the meet.
- Attend the officials briefing (sign in if at SAALC)
- Collect a program, pen.
- If there are 800m and or 1500m take a whistle with you or Bell if at SAALC

## START END

Jurisdiction for Inspectors of Turns at the start end commences from the start signal until the completion of the first arm stroke, except in Breaststroke where it shall be the second arm stroke.

- In Freestyle and Backstroke events remain seated at the Referee's whistle.
- Stand and move forward when the lead swimmer reaches the 15m mark approaching the turn on the second lap. Remain standing until the finish of the race.
- In Breaststroke, Butterfly, and Individual Medley events, on Referee's whistle, stand behind and to one side of your lane's starting platform. If observing more than one lane, stand in a position to view the lanes equally. Remain standing until the end of the race.
- Where required, after the starting signal is given, quickly step forward to observe the first stroke, except in Breaststroke where it shall be the second arm stroke.
- If you have observed an infraction, indicate to the Chief IOT that you have an infraction to report and remain standing over the lane until the Chief IOT comes to you. **(Make eye contact with the IOT Do not raise your hand)**
- You will then proceed to the Referee, make your report and, if accepted by the Referee, complete the infraction card.
- You may also need to operate a stopwatch or dolphin timing unit if at Club Carnivals.
- You will also need to operate a SAT button at SAALC
- In 800m and 1500m races, you will be required to signal, either by whistle or bell when the swimmer has 2 laps plus 5m to go.
- You will need to observe relay changeovers, as a back-up if electronic changeover equipment is present, or to judge relay changeovers if electronic timing equipment is not being used.



## **TURN END**

Jurisdiction for the Inspector of Turns for each turn, commences from the beginning of the last arm stroke before touching the wall and ends with the completion of the first arm stroke after the turn, except in Breaststroke where it shall be the second arm stroke.

- For all races, stand and move forward when the lead swimmer reaches the 15m mark from the turn end.
- Remain standing until the last swimmer has passed the 15m mark from the turn end on the **last** lap.
- If observing more than one lane, stand in a position to view the lanes equally.
- If you have observed an infraction, indicate to the Chief IOT that you have an infraction to report and remain standing over the lane until the Chief IOT comes to you.
- You will then proceed to the Referee, make your report and, if accepted by the Referee, complete the infraction card.
- You will need to observe relay changeovers, as a back-up if electronic changeover equipment is present, or to judge relay changeovers if electronic timing equipment is not being used.
- For 800m and 1500m events, you will set up and operate lap counters:

Event	Number of laps		Procedure
	800m	1500m	
Long Course	15	29	Change the lap counter when the swimmer has passed 5m after the turn.
Short Course	31	59	

## **FINISH**

Jurisdiction for the Inspector of Turns at the finish end commences from the beginning of the last arm stroke before touching.

**THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING**



## CHIEF IOT

The Chief IOT is the link between the lane IOT'S and the meet Referees. Prompt action by the Chief IOT ensures all infractions are dealt with in a timely fashion. Once the heat is declared finalised no infractions can be accepted.

- Position yourself where you can clearly see all the IOT's at your end of the pool.
- Be alert and make sure you are watching the Inspectors of Turns after the start, at each turn and at the finish of each race in the event they have an infraction to report.
- If an infraction is reported, the Chief will inform the Referee by radio. (if one is available)
- The reporting IOT will then go directly to the Referee, make their report and, if accepted by the Referee, complete the infraction card.
- The Chief will arrange (if available) for a reserve official to take over on the lane until the reporting IOT returns. If no reserve is available, the Chief will remain on that lane until the reporting IOT returns.
- In the event you are covering a lane you are still the Chief IOT and must check to see if any other issues occur and be ready to deal with them.

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