



# EXCHANGE JUDGE

## DESCRIPTION

- The EXCHANGE JUDGES are solely responsible for observing all Relay Heat Exchanges. They are not responsible for judging legal strokes, turns, or finishes.

## REQUIREMENTS

- A minimum of eight (8) EXCHANGE JUDGES, four (4) EXCHANGE JUDGES per each half Meet, are required for each Dual Meet. An EXCHANGE JUDGE should not be changed unnecessarily during either half of the Meet.
- All EXCHANGE JUDGES must attend a Swim Circuit's Official Clinic once every year for training and certification. At the end of the Circuit Training, all Meet Directors are provided with a list of certified EXCHANGE JUDGES for the current year.
- EXCHANGE JUDGES are required for all Meet Relay Heat Events. The number of EXCHANGE JUDGES varies with the number of Pool Lanes and Heat Distance as per the chart below.

Pool Size	Heat Distance – 100'	Heat Distance – 200'
4 Lane	4	2
6 Lane	8	4
8 Lane	8	4

- ❖ The EXCHANGE JUDGES shall work in pairs minimally one (1) from each Team on each side of the pool with a minimum of one (1) EXCHANGE JUDGE in each corner of the pool where an exchange occurs.
- ❖ Four (4) lane pool requirements:
  - Exchanges occurring at each end of the pool requires four (4) EXCHANGE JUDGES, two (2) from each Team, one (1) from each Team at each end of the pool, one (1) each at each corner of the pool.
  - Exchanges occurring at one (1) end of the pool (220 Event) requires a minimum of two (2) EXCHANGE JUDGES, one (1) from each Team, both at the same end, one (1) in each corner of the pool.
- ❖ Six (6) or eight (8) lane pool requirements:
  - Exchanges occurring at each end of the pool requires eight (8) EXCHANGE JUDGES, four (4) from each Team, two (2) from each Team at each end of the pool, one (1) from each Team in each corner of the pool.
  - Exchanges occurring at one (1) end of the pool (220 Event) requires a minimum of four (4) EXCHANGE JUDGES, two (2) from each Team, both at the same end, one (1) from each Team in each corner of the pool.
- The EXCHANGE JUDGES will ensure a clear, unobstructed view of the swimming lanes at all times.



## **DUTIES**

- The EXCHANGE JUDGES have the sole responsibility to observe Relay Exchanges to determine that they comply with the NWSC By-Laws Circuit Requirements for Infractions (Swimmer left too early, Swimmer did not get out soon enough, Swimmer re-entered the water, etc.). As such, they are not responsible for judging legal strokes, turns, or finishes.
  - ❖ Four (4) lane pool requirements:
    - EXCHANGE JUDGES located at one (1) end of the pool shall have sole responsibility and authority to report infractions for all lanes at their end of the pool.
  - ❖ Six (6) or eight (8) lane pool requirements:
    - EXCHANGE JUDGES located at one (1) end of the pool shall have sole responsibility and authority to report infractions for their half of the pool lanes.
- Both EXCHANGE JUDGES in a pair, one (1) from each Team, must both agree on a Disqualification (DQ).
  - ❖ If there is any doubt or disagreement between the EXCHANGE JUDGES regarding an infraction, there shall be no disqualification.
  - ❖ If an EXCHANGE JUDGE recognizes that they were not in a position to make a call, it is up to the discretion of that EXCHANGE JUDGE to defer to the decision solely to the other EXCHANGE JUDGE in that pair.
  - ❖ When an exchange infraction is witnessed by only one (1) EXCHANGE JUDGE, the EXCHANGE JUDGES will issue a "Yellow" DQ Warning Slip to the Scoring Table indicating the infraction witnessed by the one (1) EXCHANGE JUDGE. A Warning Slip does not impact the Swimmer's time or finish. The Warning Slip will be given to the Swimmer's Coach to evaluate whether the Swimmer requires exchange coaching.
  - ❖ When an exchange infraction by a Swimmer is witnessed by both EXCHANGE JUDGES and both EXCHANGE JUDGES are in agreement concerning the infraction, the EXCHANGE JUDGES will issue an official "White" NWSC Disqualification Form to the Scoring Table indicating the infraction witnessed by and initialed by both EXCHANGE JUDGES. The "White" Disqualification Form is attached to the Swimmer's Event Card at the Scoring Table. The Team's coach is responsible for informing the DQ Swimmer of the infraction.
  - ❖ If an EXCHANGE JUDGE is aware of any conflict that may interfere with their ability to maintain the necessary attention to and impartiality of their responsibilities, the EXCHANGE JUDGE must request that the STARTER wait until another (impartial) EXCHANGE JUDGE is located and put into place.
- All EXCHANGE JUDGES are to refrain from displaying any partiality to any Team or Swimmer while Swimmers are "on the deck", "on their mark", or in the water.
  - ❖ EXCHANGE JUDGES are to be attentive to their assigned responsibilities while each Heat is in Progress.
  - ❖ It is appropriate and in the spirit of the Circuit to encourage all Swimmers equally, especially those Swimmers struggling to finish.

## **DURING HEAT**

- The EXCHANGE JUDGES will observe all exchanges and have the sole responsibility and authority to rule on exchange infractions in all Event Heat Relays. All infractions, whether a "Yellow" Warning Slip or a "White" NWSC Disqualification Form, are initialed by both EXCHANGE JUDGES and sent to the Scoring Table.