

# SWIMMING/NATATION CANADA

## Warm Up Procedures

During the designated warm-up period, the meet management committee shall be responsible for ensuring that all Risk Management/Warm-up procedures are followed. It is incumbent on all participants, i.e. meet management, coaches, swimmers, and officials to comply with these procedures. Non-compliance with these procedures will result in a warning or removal of the swimmer from the warm-up pool, and possible further reporting to meet management and the Referee for action under rule SW 2.1.1.

Meet management shall designate Safety Marshals to actively monitor the warm-up period in the competition pool and ensure compliance with these procedures. Safety Marshals should be notified of any disabled swimmers who are participating in warm-ups. Additional “practice” pools, if any, are to be supervised by lifeguards and coaches.

“Safety Marshals shall be responsible to the Referee for all aspects of safety related to conduct during the warm-up period ... and shall ensure that all appropriate warm-up procedures are followed.” (CSW 2.13.1.5)

### General Warm-Up Rules:

- Swimmers shall enter the water FEET FIRST in a cautious manner.
- No Running on the pool deck or Diving from the side of the pool.
- Meet Management shall provide signage to indicate designated lane use during warm-up.
- Notices/barriers shall be placed on starting blocks to prevent diving during the general warm-up.
- Diving Starts are only permitted in designated Sprint Lanes during the warm-up period.
- Lanes shall be open primarily for ‘Circle Swimming’ during the General warm-up period.
- Coaches and swimmers shall allow Backstrokers & SWAD the ‘right of way’ for safety purposes.
- Meet Management may designate a Sprint Lane(s) and/or a Pace Lane(s) throughout the general warm-up period.

### Specific/Sprint Warm-Up Period:

- Sprint and Pace lanes must be opened for at least the last 30 minutes of warm-ups or as designated by meet management.
- Outside Lanes should be designated as Sprint Lanes.
- Only ‘one-way’ swimming shall be permitted in Sprint Lanes.
- Sprint Lanes, Pace Lanes, and Circle Swimming lanes shall be clearly marked with signage.
- The following statement shall appear in the meet information and in posted notices: "SNC WARM UP PROCEDURES WILL BE IN EFFECT AT THIS MEET".

### Equipment:

- FLUTTER BOARDS and PULLBUOYS are allowed.
- HAND PADDLES and FLIPPERS (ZOOMERS) are **NOT ALLOWED**.