

**USA Swimming Officials Re-Certification Test 2001/2002**  
**Referee**

Multiple Choice/True-False

- [1] The racing lanes must always be numbered from right to left when facing the course from behind the starting blocks.  
a. True.      b. False.
- [2] Distinctive colored floats, or markers extending around the full circumference of the floats shall be placed 15 meters (16.4 yds.) from each end wall in both short course and long course pools.  
a. True.      b. False.
- [3] The Referee may change the order of events from that which was published.  
a. True.      b. False.
- [4] The Referee may combine events by age, sex, distance, and/or stroke to ensure every lane in a heat is filled.  
a. True.      b. False.
- [5] Prior to the competition, the athlete or his coach must notify the Referee of an athlete's disability.  
a. True.      b. False.
- [6] A female swimmer appears for an event wearing a 2-piece swimsuit. No action is required.  
a. True.      b. False.
- [7] The Referee shall give a decision on any point where the opinions of judges differ.  
a. True.      b. False.
- [8] Protests against the judgment decisions of Starter, Stroke, Turn, place and relay take off judges may be taken to a jury for resolution.  
a. True.      b. False.
- [9] A Referee may disregard the fact that a Stroke and Turn Judge neglected to raise his/her hand when observing a disqualification he/she subsequently reports.  
a. True.      b. False.
- [10] Only the National Officials Committee and the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Committee may officially interpret the technical rules under Part One of the USA Swimming rulebook.  
a. True.      b. False.
- [11] If a swimmer swims into another lane and then back into his/her own lane, the swimmer must be disqualified.  
a. True.      b. False.
- [12] The Referee may disqualify a swimmer who obstructs another swimmer by swimming across or otherwise interfering with that swimmer.  
a. True.      b. False.

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- [13] A swimmer may have a counter in the following events:  
a. 400 meter individual medley in a 50-meter pool.  
b. 400 meter freestyle in a 25-meter pool.  
c. 500 yard freestyle in a 25-yard pool.  
d. b & c above.
- [14] If a counter insists on counting in descending order, the swimmer in that lane shall be disqualified.  
a. True.            b. False.
- [15] If the automatic officiating equipment fails during a race, resulting in inaccurate times or placement, the swimmers must re-swim the race.  
a. True.            b. False.
- [16] Swim-offs must take place within 45 minutes of the last heat of any event in which either of the swimmers last participated.  
a. True.            b. False.
- [17] If the lead-off swimmer on a relay team sets a record but the relay team is disqualified because of an infraction in a subsequent leg, the record is valid.  
a. True.            b. False.
- [18] A National Times Verification (NTV) for a 50-meter distance in a 50-meter pool can be considered only if automatic timing or three-button semi-automatic equipment is used.  
a. True.            b. False.
- [19] For National Championships or meets conducted under National Championship scratch procedures, a swimmer who qualifies for a finals race but notifies the Referee 30 minutes before the finals race that he/she will not swim is barred from the remainder of the meet, unless excused by the Referee.  
a. True.            b. False.
- [20] Relay swimmers must compete in the order in which they are declared to the Clerk of Course or Head Lane Timer.  
a. True.            b. False.
- [21] If the Referee observes a relay takeoff violation which the Relay Takeoff Judge(s) fail(s) to call, the Referee shall disqualify the relay team.  
a. True.            b. False.

**OFFICIATING SWIMMERS WITH DISABILITIES**

- [22] The Referee is responsible for instructing the Starter and Stroke & Turn Judges about accommodations to be made for a swimmer with a disability.  
a. True.            b. False.
- [23] A false start rope is required to recall a heat in which a deaf swimmer competes.  
a. True.            b. False.
- [24] The Referee may reassign lanes within a deaf or hard-of-hearing swimmer's heat to ensure the athlete may easily see the strobe light or the Starter's arm signal.

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- a. True.            b. False.

- [25] Blind or visually impaired swimmers may be notified they are approaching a turn or the finish by use of a sound device.  
a. True.            b. False.