

Splash Times

WELCOME TO SPLASH TIMES!

With the formation of the Splash Timing Team, one goal is for open team communication and collaboration as we all aim to advance in the field of admin officiating. Perhaps the goal should go beyond officiating and into all aspects of the admin game, including proficiency of the timing console, the many finer points of Hy-tek Meet Manager, and the use of touchpads, buttons, cables and other timing equipment, scoreboards and so on. The more we all know, the more we can adequately handle any situation that may arise in meet preparations and on the pool deck.

We are excited announce that the Splash Team has six members!

Becky Brewster
Christina Carson
Scott Rabalais
Sondra Santana
Kimberly Smurdon
Joab Temotio

The one quality that all six members possess – and it may be the most important – is the PASSION to learn and work at the admin job. Some of us are quite experienced and others are newer to the arena. Regardless of meets worked, we can all learn from one another and enjoy working together!

CONSOLE DAY

While we are all familiar with Hy-tek Meet Manager, we can benefit by taking an in-depth look at the various consoles, the heart of any timing system. In an effort to extend our knowledge of the various consoles, I would like to invite all team members to an upcoming “Console Day” in Ponte Vedra at Planet Swim. If we can all (hopefully) agree to a date and time, we can cover the intricacies of the Colorado System 6, Colorado Gen 7 and Superior Swim Timing (SST). While some of us may be comfortable with one or more of those systems, perhaps there’s room for growth in a different console or two.

That being said, I would like to offer a few options for a meeting time next month. Splash Timing would like to follow the session with a complimentary group lunch at The Loop in Nocatee, the actual site where the Splash Timing idea was launched. It’s also an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the first-year anniversary of the origin of Splash Timing on October 9, 2024.

The date options are November 9, November 16 and November 30 (all Sundays).

The start time on each of these dates would be 11:00 am, and we can plan on a two-hour session, lunch following. Sunday is chosen as an optimal day due to the pool being clear of swimmers, and perhaps family and children’s activities may be at a minimum. Thank you for emailing back your availability and/or options that would work for you!

TIMES MATTER

At the Florida vs Virginia swim meet this past Friday, an interesting scenario occurred in the Women’s 50 Free. There were three lanes involved, all top-level swimmers from Virginia, who, according to Order of Finish, finished 1-2-3. These were the times reported from the console:

Swimmer A	Pad 22.02	Buttons 22.00 and 22.13
Swimmer B	No Pad	Buttons 22.21 and 21.87
Swimmer C	Pad 22.06	Buttons 22.11 and 21.98

Swimmers A and C pad times were supported by their button times, so pad times were accepted. Watch times were checked for Swimmer B, which were 22.00 and 21.76. So, what would be the official time for B?

The Referee and Starter had Orders of Finish as B-C-A and C-B-A, respectively. They also said the race was so close they were not confident in their determinations.

With no other data available and with the lane timers relatively far apart in both watch and button times, the watch times could not be used to support either of the button times. How would you have determined the final time with the above data? Please Reply All if you wish!