

**1. A new rule is to be added as follows. Rest of SW.2.1 is then renumbered.**

SW 2.1.6M      A disqualification for starting before the starting signal must be observed and confirmed by both the Starter and the Event Referee.

**2. Note that the “M” is needed because the SAL/FINA rule refers to the “referee”:**

SW 2.1.6 7M      The Event Referee shall disqualify any swimmer for any other violation of the rules that he personally observes. The Event Referee may also disqualify any swimmer for any violation reported to him by other authorised officials. All disqualifications are subject to the decision of the Event Referee.

SW 2.1.7 8AM      The Event Referee shall have the authority to commence a race prior to the swimmers in the previous race leaving the water.

*Clarification: The Event Referee may, in the interests of saving time, instruct swimmers to remain in the water until after the start of the next heat.*

SW 2.1.8 9M      At the completion of the event the Event Referee will give two short blasts on his whistle to signal the swimmers to leave the water. This signal may need to be repeated.

SW 2.1.9 10M      With the assistance of other approved Officials, the Event Referee shall notify the swimmer of his disqualification, and the reason for his disqualification, before he leaves the water. However, failure to notify before leaving the water does not make the disqualification invalid. The Event Referee must ensure that the swim time has been marked ineligible.

SW 2.1.10 11M      All Referees shall have a list of all medical disabilities (refer to SW 15M) notifications prior to the commencement of the meet.

**3. There are two minor changes to this rule as underlined and struck through:**

SW 2.6.3M      In individual events of 400 (except Individual Medley), 800, or 1500 metres, an Inspector of Turns at the start or turning end of the pool shall record the number of laps completed by the swimmer in his lane and keep the swimmer informed of the remaining number of laps to be completed by displaying lap cards where available. ~~Semi~~-Electronic equipment may be used, including under water display. This duty may be delegated to a designated Lane Timekeeper.

**4. FINA made changes to SW6 to allow for the use of a starting ledge for backstroke. As MSA have not been able to assess these ledges as yet, they will possibly be added at a later date.**

**The wording of the following rule has been changed to allow a more liberal timing of the use of the butterfly kick in breaststroke starts and turns.**

SW 7.1M After the start and after each turn, the swimmer may take one arm stroke completely back to the legs during which the swimmer may be submerged. At any time prior to the first Breaststroke kick after the start and after each turn a single butterfly kick is permitted. ~~during the first arm stroke, followed by a breaststroke kick.~~

*Clarification: The feet may break the surface when executing the single butterfly kick at the start and turns.*

*Clarification: A single breaststroke kick is allowed while submerged before starting the second arm stroke.*