



Head Stroke & Turn Judge

The **Head Stroke and Turn Judge** (often called the **Chief Judge** for stroke and turn) has a very important role at a youth swim meet. Their main responsibility is to ensure that all swimmers follow the technical rules of each stroke and finish legally.

Primary Responsibilities

1. **Oversee Stroke and Turn Judges**

- Supervise all stroke and turn judges assigned to the pool.
- Make sure they are positioned correctly to see each swimmer clearly.
- Ensure judges understand the rules and are consistent in enforcement.

2. **Rule Enforcement**

- Address any questions about strokes, turns, or finishes from judges, coaches, or officials.
- Resolve discrepancies if judges report violations.
- Make the final decision on disqualifications related to strokes or turns.

3. **Meet Organization**

- Assign judges to specific lanes and events.
- Rotate judges if necessary to maintain fairness and accuracy.
- Ensure that all events have adequate coverage so no swimmer is missed.

4. **Reporting**

- Keep records of any disqualifications and the reasons.
- Communicate with the Meet Director about any issues or decisions.
- Serve as the point of contact for stroke and turn disputes during the meet.

Why this role is important

- Ensures the meet is fair and safe.
- Maintains consistency in enforcing swimming rules.
- Supports the Meet Director so that swimmers compete on a level playing field.

