

WARM UP RULES

The following general pool procedures for the **MAIN COMPETITION POOL** must be observed throughout the warm up sessions in every HKGSA swimming competition:

GENERAL Warm-up procedure

From the beginning to 15 minutes prior to the end of warm up session, the following warm up arrangements will be implemented,

- 1) All lanes can be used for general warm-up.
- 2) Swimmers must enter the pool feet first. NO DIVING is allowed.
- 3) Lap Swimming only.
- 4) Swimmers are required to exit the pool on completion of their warm-up to allow other swimmers to have adequate warm-up time. The pool is not for visiting or playing during the warm-up session.
- 5) Swimmers are recommended to cross lanes at the side of Starting or Turning End. They should swim under water when crossing the lane and should break to the surface as soon as possible.

Sprint and Start practice Warm-up procedure

From 15 minutes prior to the end of warm up session, the following warm up arrangements will be implemented,

- 1) In general, the outermost lane(s) should be used for race starts and sprint purpose, the remaining lanes for general warm-up. For instance, for a standard pool, lanes 0,1 and 8, 9 would be reserved as Sprints Lanes for swimmers to have race starts and sprint practice.
- 2) Swimmers must leave the sprint lanes immediately after practice.
- 3) In 50m pool, sprints lanes will be split into two ends, 25m from the Starting end and 15m from the turning end of the pool.
- 4) In 25m pool, sprint lanes are for diving from blocks or for backstroke starts in specified lanes at designated times. One way only! Dive sprints may only be done under the direct supervision of the coach.
- 5) Backstrokers should ensure that they are not starting at the same time while a swimmer is on the block. Swimmers shall not step up on the blocks if there is a backstroker waiting to start.

In addition to the procedures above please be aware of announcements to determine lane usage throughout the meet, as usage may vary at the discretion of the Referee.

Coaches are responsible for the following:

Only Registered Coaches of HKGSA are allowed to stay at the pool deck during warm-up time. Registered Coaches are required to wear the Coach Registration Card conspicuously when staying at the pool deck during warm up session. They should process and present the Coach Registration Card to the Referee and designated HKGSA staff for validation. Those who fail to process and present the Coach Registration Card will **not** be permitted to stay at the pool deck. Pool deck entry application is available for coaches who are not eligible to register with HKGSA.

- 1) Wearing the Coach Registration Card conspicuously.
- 2) Instructing swimmers regarding safety guidelines and warm-up procedures.
- 3) Actively supervising their swimmers throughout the warm-up sessions.
- 4) Maintaining as much contact with their swimmers as possible.