General Timer's Instructions for All Events

NOTE- Before the beginning of each event, circle the event and overall time on each timing slip.

1. Record three times: Walk-On Time Deck Time Total Time

- 2. Walk-On Time cannot exceed 30 seconds. (Timing starts when the first swimmer passes the starting point and ends when the last swimmer becomes stationary.)
- 3. Timing begins and ends with the music.
- 4. Timing of Deck time ends when the last routine competitor leaves the deck.
- Deck time cannot exceed 10 seconds. <u>If any of the three watches shows over 10 seconds for deck time</u>, <u>do not clear any of the watches</u>. Show the deck times recorded on all three watches to the referee.
- 6. Total time depends on the type of routine. The US National and Collegiate National have both a minimum and a maximum time. For all other events, there is no minimum time. All of the time limits for each event and session are listed on the timer slips.
- If any routine fails to reach the minimum time or exceeds the maximum time, do not clear any of the watches. Show the total times recorded on all three watches to the referee.
- 8. Record all three deck times and total times on the timer's slip.
- 9. If two watches show the same times, that time will be the official time. Circle that time on the timer's slip (deck and total time)
- 10. If no two watches agree, the intermediate time will be the official time. Circle that time on the timer's slip (deck and total time)