



MASTERS SWIMMING ONTARIO

MSO Safety Procedures

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GENERAL WARMUP:

1. During warm-ups, no swimmer shall enter the pool by a dive or a jump from any area of the deck or starting block. Swimmers shall enter the pool FEET FIRST in a cautious manner, with at least one hand in contact with the pool deck or gutter.
2. Meet Management shall ensure that barriers are placed on the starting blocks during the general warm-up.
3. All lanes shall be used for general warm-up with circle swimming only, as shown below. *One outside lane shall be designated for slow swimmers.*
4. The use of hand paddles, swim fins, pull buoys & flutter boards during warm-up shall be prohibited.

During warm-ups, swimmers in adjacent lanes must circulate in opposite directions to minimize risk of injuries along the lane ropes.

- CLOCKWISE - lanes shall be designated as: **2, 4, 6, 8**
- COUNTER-CLOCKWISE - lanes shall be designated as: **1, 3, 5, 7**

SPECIFIC WARMUP:

1. This portion of the warm-up shall begin 20 minutes prior to clearing the pool.
2. One outside lane and the adjacent lane or the two outside lanes may be designated as sprint lanes. Diving shall be from the normal starting end of the pool. During this time only one way swimming is allowed in these lanes. Upon completing one length the swimmer shall leave the lane.

THE WARMUP PROCEDURE SHALL BE STRICTLY MONITORED

Any swimmer who flagrantly disobeys these rules may be disqualified from the competition at the discretion of the referee.