



## MASTERS SWIMMING ONTARIO

### MSO Safety Procedures **REVISED- NOVEMBER 2001.**

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The following information is excerpted from the MSO Rule Book. It is provided to inform all swimmers of the Safety Procedures to be adhered to at all MSO Sanctioned Swim Meets.

Infractions of these rules may result in the offending swimmer being reported to the Referee who shall deal with the infraction under rule SW 2.1.1.

#### **SAFETY PROCEDURES:**

1. There shall be no running on the deck.
2. Climbing to and from the balconies shall be prohibited.

#### **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.
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 laneropes.

- **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**