

UT2.3 UTAH SCRATCH PROCEDURE

.1 For Championship Meets (prelims and finals)

The scratch box will be located at the Clerk of the Course. The scratch box shall close for the following day's events 30 minutes after the beginning of the final session each day. In a meet that begins with a timed final session on the first day, the scratch box for the next day's events will close 30 minutes after the start of that timed final session.

.2 For Timed Final scored meets

Scratches will be accepted prior to the beginning of each session or when called for by the Clerk of the Course. Procedures outlined in .4 Utah Scratch procedures must be followed.

.3 For non scored Developmental Meets

The Meet Information must specify in detail the scratch procedures to be used for each individual meet.

.4 Penalties for Scored meets and Prelims events.

If a swimmer fails to scratch properly and doesn't report to the block to swim, that swimmer will be disqualified from that event and scratched from the next individual event for which he/she is entered. If a swimmer misses a second event, he/she will be barred from further competition for the remainder of the meet. In a Championship meet with prelims and finals, upon request and approval of the Meet Referee, the barred swimmer can be re-entered into the meet and re-seeded in the first heat of his/her remaining events and allowed to swim for time only but will neither be eligible to score points individually or for the club.

.5 Penalties for Final or Consolation Heats

A swimmer qualifying for either Consolation Finals or Championship Finals has 30 minutes after the time of the announcement of the qualifiers of each individual event to scratch. The Clerk of the Course will then seed the Consolation or the Championship heats by inserting alternates, thus filling all the lanes. Any swimmer qualifying for a Consolation or Championship final heat who fails to compete in that event shall be barred from further competition for the remainder of the meet. Declared false starts are not allowed for Consolation or Championship finals. Upon request and approval of the Meet Referee any barred swimmer can be re-entered into the meet and re-seeded in the first heat of his/her remaining events and allowed to swim for time only, but will not be eligible to score points individually or for the club. After the final posting of the event, alternates are only eligible to fill consolation heats.

.6 Results

Results from a preliminary competition are not the same as a finals seeding posting. Any swimmer that may move into a finals seeding position as a result of scratches within the 30 minute time period is subject to all penalties outlined in .5. Alternates as posted in the finals seeding are not subject to any penalty. It is the swimmers responsibility to know their final placement in their event before leaving the venue.

.7 Exceptions

If the Referee is notified in event of illness or injury the swimmer will be excused from any penalties but can only be re-entered into the meet with a physician's recommendation.