

AUTOMATIC RELAY JUDGING EQUIPMENT and TRACK STYLE STARTING BLOCKS

The PIAA District III Swimming Championships will be using electronic relay judging equipment. The Boys' and Girls' starters will observe Lanes 1 through 4 and the Boys' and Girls' referees will observe Lanes 5 through 8. Any official observing an alleged take-off violation shall wait until the last competitor of the heat is in the water, then raise a hand overhead. At the conclusion of the heat, the alleged early take-off observed by the assigned official shall be recorded immediately and independently, in writing, on a "PIAA Disqualification Card." The official then gives the card to the Administrative Referee. The Administrative Referee shall compare any cards received with the print-out from the electronic timing equipment. If it is determined that an early take-off violation has occurred, the Administrative Referee will sign the cards and notify the coach. The protocol is listed on page 94, Appendix B of the 2016-2017 NFHS Swimming and Diving Rules Book.

Additionally, track style starting blocks with wedges will be used.