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TO: Athletes & Coaches

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SUBJECT: Athlete Staging For 2010 Summer Championships Meets in Irvine, CA

Coaches,

We want to familiarize you and your athletes with some of the processes that we will be using during the ConocoPhillips National Championship and SPEEDO Junior National Championship in Irvine, CA. We hope this information helps you and your athletes as you prepare for this summer's championship events. This information will be covered in detail at each meets General Meeting.

1. **Athlete Staging for Prelims and Finals** – All heats in the preliminary and final will be staged using a three step process. Please see the attached diagram which will help you visualize the process. All swimmers in all heats must follow this staging procedure.
 - a. **Race Ready / Suit Check** - (10 minutes prior to race) – Tent located at the far end of the competition course. Swimmers will be inventoried and suits inspected.
 - b. **Parade Ready** – (5 minutes prior to the race) The athletes will be led by a volunteer through a tunnel under the far end grandstands to the Parade Ready tent – (@ 25y walk).
 - c. **Movement to the start area – all heats except the Championship Final** – (3 minutes prior to the race) Athletes will be lead by a volunteer down the pool deck to the start end (@ 60m walk).
 - d. **Championship Final** – Championship Finalists will be paraded from the Parade Ready tent to the start area using standard championship protocol.
2. **OMEGA OSB-11 - Adjustable Track Start Blocks will be used.** In addition to the competition course, there will be two track start blocks available at the warm-up pool so the athletes can become familiar with their operation.
3. **Underwater camera officiating.** At the National Championships, there will be 24 underwater cameras used to record all races. Two Underwater Replay Referees will be assigned to each session to review all potential disqualifications. This is the same officiating procedure that was used at the 2008 Olympic Team Trials as well as a majority of our National Championship meets during the past 2 years.
4. **Awards Protocol** – At the Senior Meet - after each Championship Final, the champion will be interviewed for television re-broadcast. Immediately following that interview, all eight finalists will be recognized at the awards podium. For both meets, full team sweat suits must be worn for the awards ceremony.

Again, more details will be provided at the General Meeting. Good luck to you and your athletes as you prepare for these championships.

Sincerely,

Jay Thomas – Meet Referee – ConocoPhillips National Championship
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SRNat-JRNat Prelim Session 10 Minutes Prior to Race



Athlete



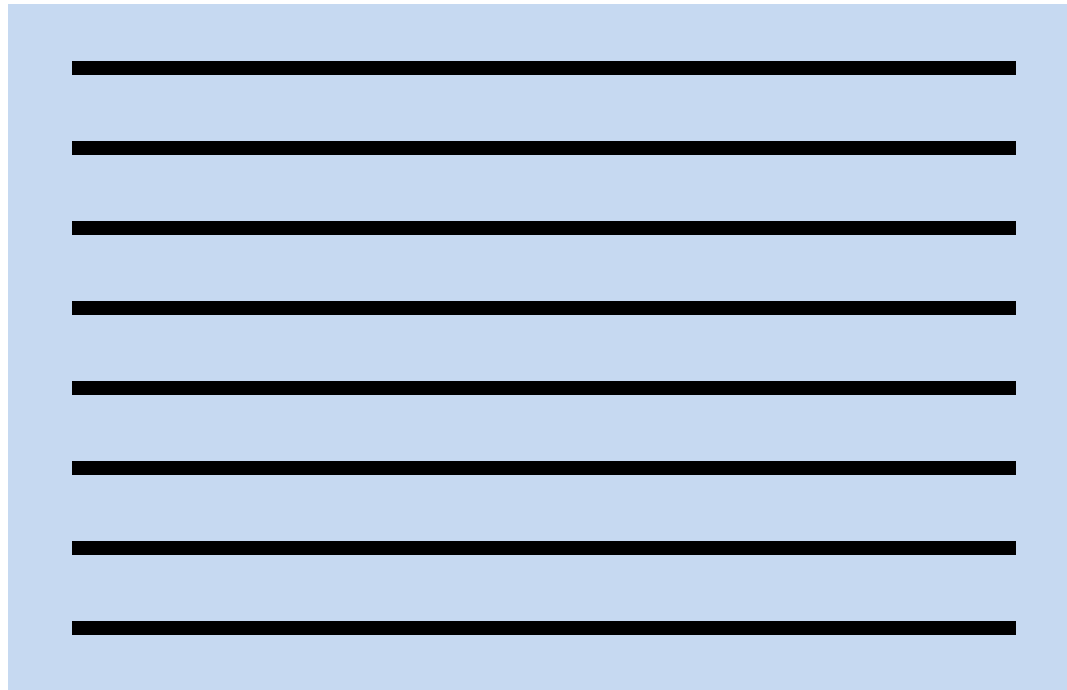
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Parade
Ready Area 

Start
End



Ready Area/
Suit Check 

Athlete Grandstands



SRNat-JRNat Prelim Session 5 Minutes Prior to Race



Athlete

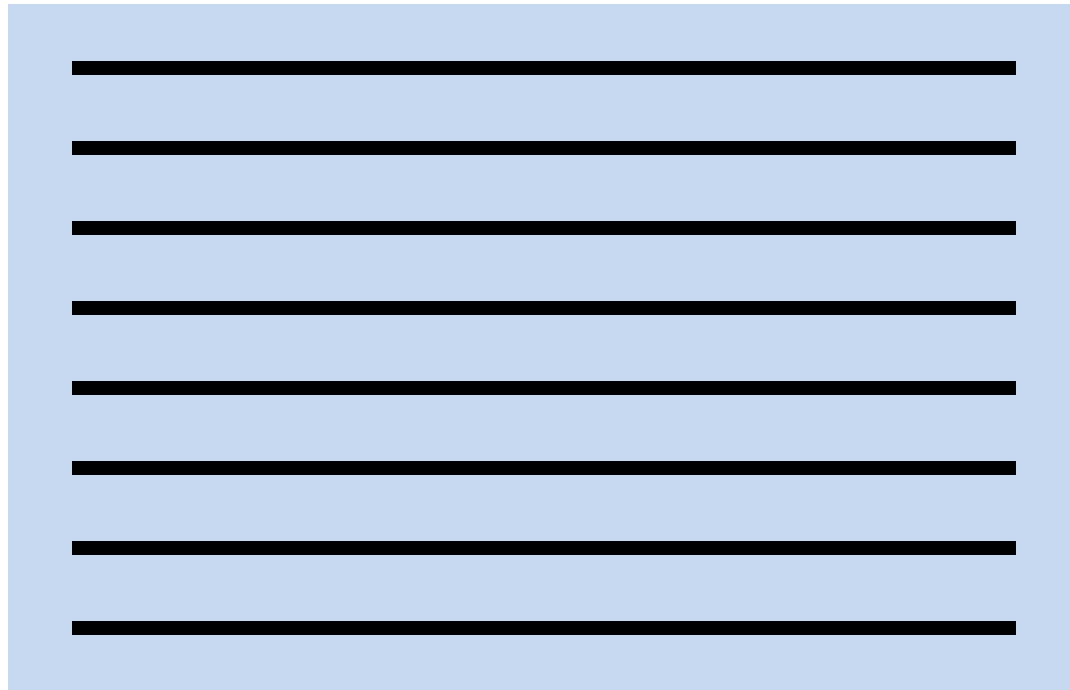


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Start End



Athlete Grandstands

Parade
Ready Area



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Suit Check



SRNat-JRNat Prelim Session 3 Minutes Prior to Race



Athlete



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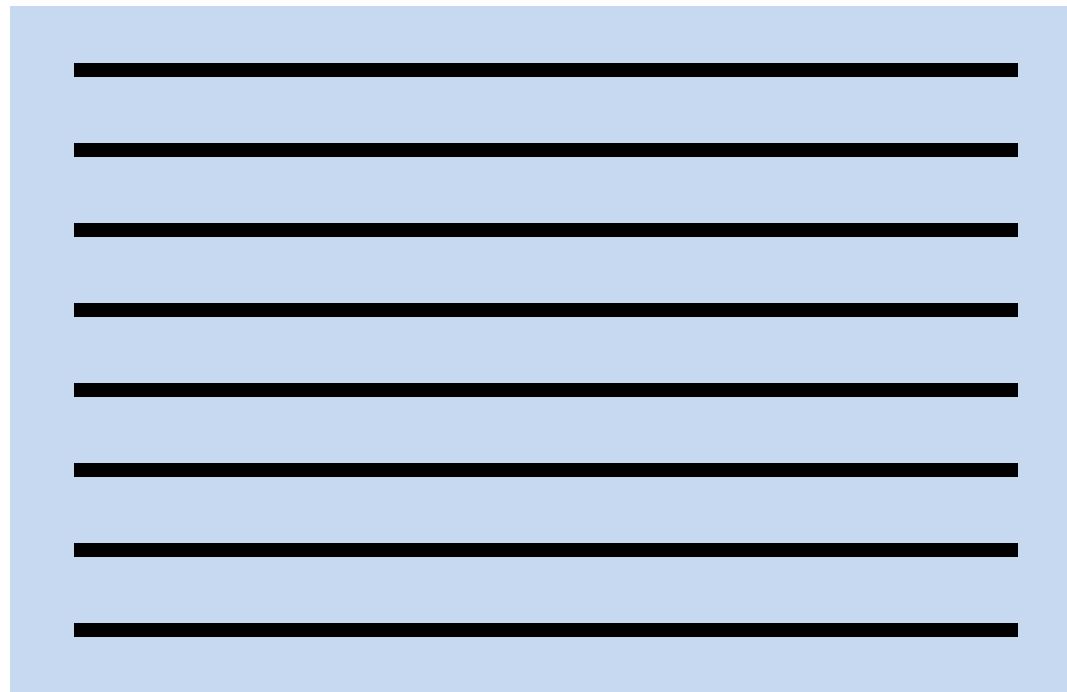


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Parade Ready Area 

Start End



Ready Area/
Suit Check 

Athlete Grandstands

SRNat-JRNat Prelim Session 2 Minutes Prior to Race



Athlete



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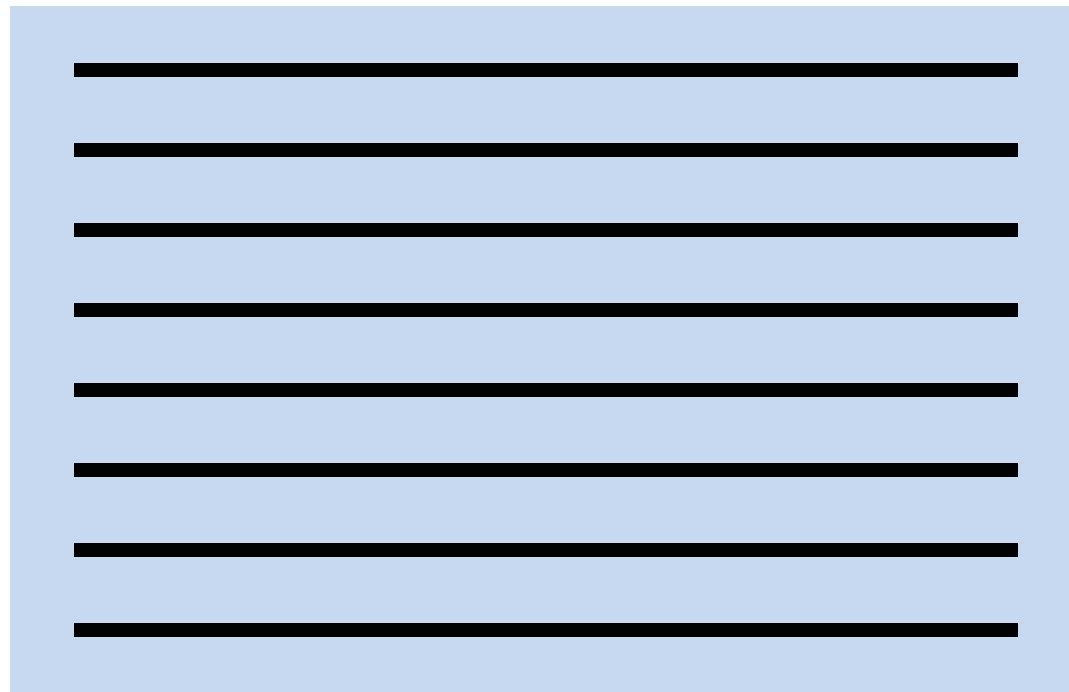


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Parade
Ready Area 



Start End



Athlete Grandstands

Ready Area/
Suit Check 

SRNat-JRNat Prelim Session Race Time



Athlete



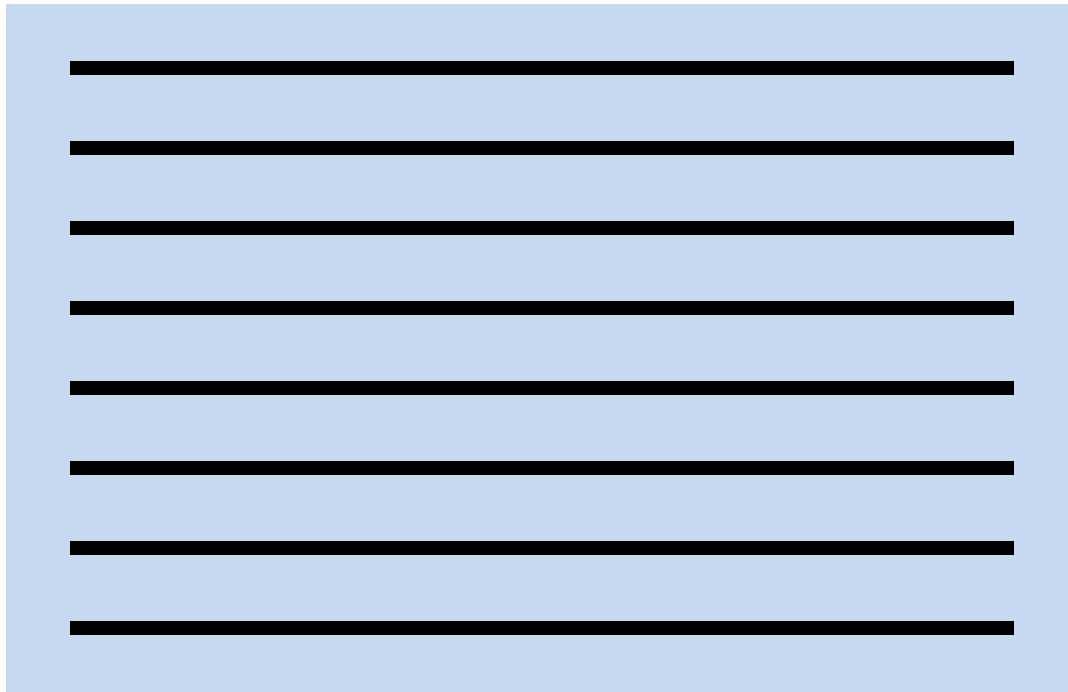
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Parade
Ready Area 

Start End



Ready Area/
Suit Check 

Athlete Grandstands

SRNat-JRNat Prelim Session On-Going Traffic Pattern



Athlete

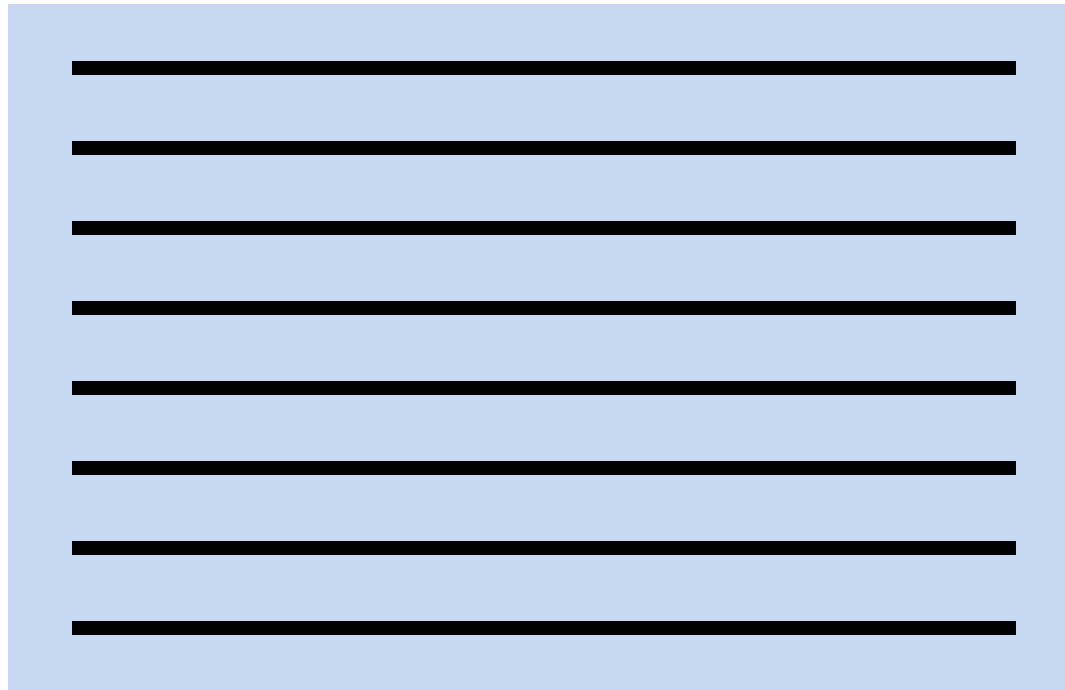
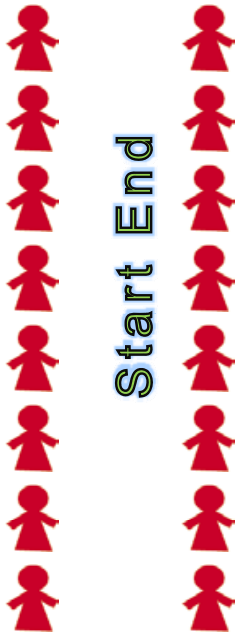


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Parade Ready Area 



Ready Area/
Suit Check 



Athlete Grandstands

