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3. Start your **WATCH** on the strobe light.
NOT the sound of the horn.

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4. **IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM** raise your hand, with the watch in your hand. The Chief Timer will respond to help you.
5. **STAND** directly over the edge of the pool so you can see the touch clearly. **STOP** your watch & pad button at the touch of the pad. Index fingers are faster than thumbs.
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