

# MANIKIN SUPPORT EVENT

## Event description

On an acoustic signal, competitors support a rescue manikin at the surface of the water for as long as possible, while remaining within their lane no more than 2m from the edge of the pool.

Competitors may support the manikin in any manner as long as the manikin's mouth and nose remain at the surface. The clock stops when the mouth or nose submerges.

***The start:*** On the referee's long whistle, competitors enter the water and return to the starting edge to place one hand in contact with the starting edge or wall while grasping the manikin with the other hand. When all competitors have assumed this ready position (manikin's mouth and nose above the surface), the starter shall give the command "Take your marks" just prior to the start signal.

When the start signal is given, competitors *immediately* release the starting edge or wall. If any competitor fails to do so immediately on the start signal, a false start shall be declared.

## Equipment

***Manikin:*** The rescue manikin described in the *Canadian Competition Manual* will be used (see Section 9 – Equipment and Facility Standards). The manikin is completely filled with water and sealed for the event. Competitors must use the manikins supplied by the organizing committee.

## Start and timekeeping

Timers shall start the timepiece at the starting signal and stop when either the mouth or nose of the manikin submerges.

## Attribution of placing

Refer to *General conditions for pool competition* in the *Canadian Competition Manual*.

## Judges

Judges – 1 assigned to each lane – shall assess whether competitors' technique complies with the event rules.

A place judge will be positioned on the side of the pool in line with competitors to rule on order of finish.

### Disqualification

In addition to the general rules in Section 3 and the *General conditions for pool competition* in Section 4 (*Canadian Competition Manual*), the following behaviour shall result in disqualification:

- i) A false start (delaying release of the pool edge after the start signal).
- ii) Taking assistance from any pool fitting (e.g., lane lines, pool edge or bottom, steps).
- iii) Use of any device that supplements a competitor's buoyancy (e.g., swimming aids, flotation devices).
- iv) Carrying or supporting the manikin by the throat or covering the mouth or nose.
- v) Not completing the event as described and defined.