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Proposed by: National Officials Committee

Purpose: To reflect current practice of using a 'stand' command as procedural and remove implied reference to it as a rule.

Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends _____.*

Effective Date: Immediately

101.1.2 **The Start**

A-C *[no changes]*

D When a swimmer does not respond promptly to the command "take your marks," the Starter shall immediately release all swimmers with ~~the command "stand up"~~ a "stand" command upon which the swimmers may stand up or step off the blocks.

E *[no changes]*

101.1.3 **False Starts**

A Any swimmer initiating a start before the signal may be disqualified if the Referee independently observes and confirms the Starter's observation that a violation occurred. Swimmers remaining on the starting blocks shall be relieved from their starting positions with ~~the "stand up" command~~ a "stand" command and may step off the blocks.

B-C *[no changes]*

D A swimmer who would otherwise be charged with a false start may be relieved of the charge if the false start was caused by the swimmer's reaction to ~~the "stand up"~~ a "stand" command.

E *[no changes]*

102.12 **STARTER**

.1 *[no changes]*

.2 **Optional Instructions** – The Starter may:

A-C *[no changes]*

D Use a "stand" command in accordance with 101.1.2 D, 101.1.3 A, and 101.1.3 D.