



## UIL Swimming Competition State Adoption - Relay Takeoff Judging Protocol

The current **National Federation of High Schools Swimming and Diving Rules Book** will be utilized for reference on rule changes and state allowed modifications. All UIL member schools are required to abide by the following adoptions:

**Article I:** In any UIL competition meets when resources permit, at least one relay takeoff judge should be assigned to observe the relay exchanges. In championship meets, two (2) relay takeoff judges must be assigned this responsibility.

1. An individual relay takeoff judge should be assigned to observe no more than four (4) lanes and preferably fewer.
2. Side takeoff judges should be positioned on the side of the pool nearest the lanes for which they have responsibility.
3. Lane takeoff judges should be positioned facing the side judge and adjacent to starting platforms for which they have responsibility, where they will have an unrestricted view of the incoming and outgoing touches and departures.

**Article II:** In any UIL competition meet, when electronic relay takeoff (RTO) equipment is utilized in addition to two (2) relay takeoff judges, the determination of an early relay takeoff is as follows:

1. It shall be a rule violation when a combination of two of the three components agree on an infraction with at least one relay takeoff judge and the electronic equipment or both judges.
2. In cases where the RTO equipment records a negative differential of any value, only a potential violation may have occurred, which must be confirmed by at least one relay takeoff judge before a determination of an actual early takeoff can be concluded. Moreover, a positive differential recorded by the electronic equipment does not overrule an early takeoff recorded by both judges.