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Colorado Time Systems Awarded Patent for Backstroke Start Device

Loveland, CO—November 9, 2016— Colorado Time Systems (CTS), a PlayCore company, was awarded Australian Patent No. 2013382748 titled “Start assist device for swimmers with positioning and removal mechanism.” The patent covers the automatic retraction of the starting wedge up and out of the water after the swimmer has left the device as well as the ability for the swimmer to adjust and lock the wedge into place before each race.

The patent remains in force through July 31, 2033. Further patent applications for the backstroke start device are pending in the United States, China, Brazil, and Singapore.

The backstroke start device is approved for use in swimming competitions throughout the world, and is FINA, NCAA, USA Swimming, and U.S. Masters Swimming compliant.

“The backstroke start device is such an important tool for training and competition,” said Rick Connell, CTS Vice President and General Manager. “We are thrilled to see its expanded use in competition and to have received a patent in Australia, with the others pending.”

- Colorado Time Systems owns a variety of patents that apply to electronic timing and scoring
- The ‘748 patent raises Colorado Time Systems’ patent portfolio to 8 issued patents.

About Colorado Time Systems (CTS)

Colorado Time Systems, a PlayCore company, has established a reputation for precision and innovation in swim timing equipment. Since 1972, premier aquatic facilities have chosen Colorado Time Systems for platinum quality timing, scoring and display systems. Learn more at www.coloradotime.com.

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