

Meet Referee

Outline

- MR roles and responsibilities
- Before the meet
- Coaches Meeting
- Obstacles along the way
- Meet Jury
- Adjudicating calls
- OTS and CJ
- Reports

Responsibilities

- In many ways MR is the Captain of a ship
- Leader that organizes this team to run a safe, fair and fun competition IAW the sanction.
- Head Official to ensure meet is run IAW the sanctioned Meet Invite
- Ensure safety of all athletes, coaches, volunteers and parents

Before the Meet

- **Work with Meet Director for planning**
- **Review Meet Announcement –**
 - Accuracy and completeness
- **Review entries and timelines**
 - Compliance with 4-hour rule for 12 &U
- **Develops/offers contingency plans for any issue identified**
- **Works with named officials chair**

Before the Meet (cont)

- **Championship Meet**
 - Select AR & LCJ
- **Leadership Team and notes how you want things handled**
 - Invigilating and DR/SR rotation
- **Maybe meet before to discuss any situations and how they will be handled.**

Before the Meet (cont)

- Works with MD for volunteers
- Meet Marshall cards and info
- Paper and equipment needs
- Who are contacts at pool email and introduce yourself
- Schedule a meeting to go over safety checklist/site visit

Site Visit and Prior to Meet

- **Have you worked at this pool?**
- **Emergency action plan – Thunderstorms etc**
- **Pool Chemistry, water and air temp**
- **How many Marshalls do they require?**
- **Slippery areas on deck?**
- **Blocks sturdy?**
- **Diving boards roped off?**
- **First aid and injuries**

Coaches Meeting

- **Introduction of key officials**
- **Facility layout, timelines, warm-up safety procedures, heat sheets, relay cards, scratches, time trials, parading, finals, etc**
- **Who and where to go to**
- **Always before each meet, especially if teams are visiting.**
- **Announce the Meet Jury**

Meet Jury

- Mechanism with the rules that resolves any protests
- Protests against the judgement decisions of starters, stroke, turn, place and relay judges can only be considered by the Referee and Referee's decision is final.

During the Meet

- MR should be visible but not obtrusive
 - Stay in your lane
- Guidance to DR and LCJs for equitable deck coverage
- Safe and fair competition
- Periodically sample the atmosphere
- Be careful about setting an early precedent
- Check in with your team
- Conduct a self-eval

Obstacles Along the Way

- **Weather**
 - Get with Pool Mgr and MD
 - Select potential events that can be scratched
 - Warm up time needed when you resume
- **Gather info run it by a couple of coaches you trust**
- **Hold a coaches meeting**

Obstacles Along the Way

- **Weather at Championship Meets**
 - Same as above
 - Circle seed versus timed finals
 - Score meet as timed finals if finals will be canx
 - Other things consider is money, travel, host team losses.

Adjudicating Calls

- **First CJ and DR, then MR**
- **Talk to CJ and DR separately**
 - What is your understanding of the call
 - Did they hear any doubt in explanation
- **Talk to S&T**
 - Have them explain the three standard questions
 - Did you hear any doubt?

Things that Come Up

- **Disabilities**
- **Deck Changing**
- **Jolyn Swimsuits – Tie back**
- **Two suits – address after the swim**
- **No show vs delay of meet**
- **Swimoff's**
- **Initial splits**
- **Kinesio tape with a DR note**
- **Compression bands supporting joints**
- **Coach challenging a call**
- **Recalls**
- **Alternates**
- **Backstroke Ledges**
- **Injuries**

Reports

- Keep notes on start and finish times
- Which Officials stood out?
- Any issues or concerns about other Officials?
- Who finished training?
- Any issues with Meet Invite or timelines?
- Air quality, facility, hosting, or injuries?
- Keeps district chairs in the loop
- Submit any report of occurrence - IMMEDIATELY

OTS and CJs

- **Add them as Meet Administrators in OTS**
- **Allow them to enter sessions and activities**
- **Good practice for DR training**
- **Meet Report and OTS Sessions**