

Proposed Rule Changes Effective 2018-2019 Season

PENN-DEL SWIMMING LEAGUE RULES

Red = Deletion - Green = Addition - ① = Reference number

SECTION 1 - ADMINISTRATIVE AND ENTRY

1.6 - TEAM/ASSOCIATION DUTIES

A. Each Association should appoint a League Representative (~~preferably someone other than a Coach~~) who will be active ~~and must attend the Spring and Fall League Meetings~~. The League Representative is responsible for keeping the lines of communication between the League and Association to the League.....[more]

B. A Coach and/or League Representative from each Association must attend the Fall and Spring League Meetings.

① *The league bylaws define who can be League Representative and the meeting requirements are covered in Para 1.6.B*

1.10 - TEAM ROSTER (SWIMMERS)

~~C. Roster additions must be made electronically to the website. Roster additions must be submitted eight (8) days prior to the swimmer being eligible for official competition in the League; i.e., by Friday of the previous week to be eligible to compete in a Saturday dual meet. Instructions are on the league website.~~

C.1 Preseason rosters must be submitted eight (8) days prior to the first dual meets to be eligible for competition in the League. The rosters must be submitted electronically to the league website.

C.2 During the season, amended rosters must be submitted by 11:59 PM on Wednesday of the week of the meet for the swimmer to be eligible to compete in the weekend dual meet.

② *This allow swimmers found to not be rostered at one weekend's meet to be eligible to swim in the next weekend's meet.*

1.12 - BOYS AND GIRLS COMMISSIONERS

The Boys and Girls Commissioners are directly responsible for the League operation of the Boys and Girls Divisions as required by the League Rules. ~~Failure of the Association to comply with its administrative requirements may result in the imposition of a fine by the Boys or Girls Commissioner of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$25.00 (except where these Rules specifically authorize a larger fine).~~ Protests of meets must be e-mailed to the Boys or Girls Commissioners within seven (7) days of the meet being posted on the league website and may only be made by the Head Coach or League Representative. The commissioner shall investigate and resolve each protest. **Protests against judgement decisions are not allowed.**

- 3** *(deletion) Specific fines are covered in other paragraphs of the rules*
(addition) This clarifies which protests can be considered by the commissioners

2.5 - POSTPONEMENT, CANCELLATION, AND RE-SCHEDULING

A. Dual meets may be postponed within 72 hours of the originally scheduled time only due to extreme weather conditions or illness of epidemic proportions. When these conditions occur and re-scheduling is necessary, the new date and time will be determined by mutual agreement of the two League Representatives AND/OR TEAM COACHES and the appropriate "Y" officials. The Boys or Girls Commissioner must be notified of all circumstances and the new date BY THE ORIGINAL HOME TEAM WITHIN FOUR (4) DAYS OF THE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED DUAL MEET. If mutual agreement on a new date cannot be reached by the Associations involved, then the President, Boys or Girls Commissioner, and the Rules Committee Chairperson will act as arbitrators and provide a solution to the problem. (NOTE: the above named may not act as arbitrators if they are from any of the Associations involved. Their place(s) will be taken by other members of the Rules Committee selected at random.) Decisions reached by the arbitrators are binding upon both Associations. Failure by either Association to comply will automatically result in a forfeit ~~and a \$25.00 fine for the offending party.~~

- 4** *No fine should be automatically.*

B. Any League Meet may be rescheduled within the confines of the League Season by mutual agreement of the two Associations. The appropriate Boys or Girls Commissioner must be informed **in writing** ~~by the Host Association~~ **by both associations** of any rescheduled meet prior to the originally scheduled date.

- 5** *Both associations need to agree on the changes in writing*

2.9 - DUAL MEET OFFICIALS AND POOL REQUIREMENTS

A. The following officials are required for a League meet:

Home Team	Position	Visiting Team
1	Referee (Note 1 & 2)	0
1	Starter (Note 2)	0
1	Administrative Official (Note 1 & 3)	0
1	Place Judge	1
2	Stroke & Turn Judge	2
1	Meet Manager Operator (Note 1 & 3)	1
1	Announcer	0
1	Runner	0
1/Lane + 1	Timers	1/Lane

Note 1: ~~If sufficient officials are not available to have different officials perform the duties of the referee and the starter, the host team may elect to have one certified PennDel Referee fulfill both positions concurrently. In this event, the host team must arrange for another official to observe and confirm false starts in accordance with USA Swimming Technical Rules. If a second official does not confirm false starts, no swimmer may be charged with a false start.~~ Must be Penn Del certified. See Rule 2.9.J, 2.9.K, 2.9.M

Note 2: ~~The home team is responsible to have a Penn Del certified person for each of these positions.~~ If sufficient officials are not available to have different officials perform the duties of the referee and the starter, the host team may elect to have one certified Penn Del Referee fulfill both positions concurrently. In this event, the host team must arrange for another official to observe and confirm false starts in accordance with USA Swimming Technical Rules. If a second official does not confirm false starts, no swimmer may be charged with a false start.

Note 3: If sufficient officials are not available to have different officials perform the duties of AO and the MM operator, the host team may elect to have one person fulfill both positions concurrently provided they are Penn Del certified in both.

⑥ *This is to clarify the requirements for these officials.*

B. ~~Not Used~~ The home team is responsible to have Penn Del certified officials as Referee, AO and MM Operator, but there is no requirement that these officials come from the home team.

⑦ *This provides clarifications from where the officials are provided.*

~~F. **Not Used** Failure of an Association to use the key officials as listed in Rule 2.9.D may result in forfeiture of the Associations dual meets, monetary fines, or suspension from the League, as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors. If an Association is unable to provide Certified YMCA Officials for a dual meet, the Association must use the Certified YMCA Officials from the opposing team, if available. If not available from these sources, then the association should post a request to all teams using the league website.~~

8 *This punishment is too harsh and is not being used.*

J. In order to be a REFEREE at a Penn-Del League dual, interdivision, or Championship swim meet an individual must:

2. To be a League Referee each official must attend an **Annual Referee's Clinic For the current season**. This clinic will be taught by persons appointed by the League Board of Directors. Instruction will include USA Swimming rule changes and interpretations. League rules and procedures and advice for supervising officials and scorers at League meets.

K. In order to be a **Administrative Official** at a Penn-Del League dual, interdivision, or Championship swim meet an individual must:

2. To be a League Administrative Official each official must attend an **Annual Administrative Official's Clinic for the current season**. This clinic will be taught by persons appointed by the League Board of Directors. Instruction will include USA Swimming rule changes and interpretations, League rules and procedures .

M. In order to be a ~~**Computer Operator (Meet Manager Program Operator)**~~ at a Penn-Del League dual, interdivision, or Championship swim meet an individual must:

1. To be a League ~~Computer~~ Meet Manager Operator ~~(Meet Manager Program Operator)~~ each person must attend an **Annual Computer Meet Manager Operator's Clinic for the current season**. This clinic will be taught by persons appointed by the League Board of Directors. Instruction will include basic instructions on running the Meet Manager Program. It will also cover USA Swimming rule changes and interpretations dealing with scoring, League rules and procedures.

9 *This is to add clarifications that the certification is done annually*

2.19 - PROTESTS

A. All protests must be in e-mailed within seven (7) days of the meet being posted on the league website and may only be made by the Head Coach or League Representative. The League suggests that the protests also be verbally given to the Referee during the meet. Copies of an official protest must be sent to the appropriate Divisional Commissioner, and the League Representative of the opposing Team involved. **Protests against judgement decisions are not allowed**

10 *This clarifies which protests can be considered*

SECTION 3 - CHAMPIONSHIPS AND CHAMPIONSHIP ADMINISTRATION

3.1 - CHAMPIONSHIP COORDINATOR & REPRESENTATIVES

B. **Two members** of the League Board of Directors will be appointed by the President to be the Meet Referee **and Administrative Referee** for all Penn Del Swim League Divisional Championship meets. The Meet Referee is responsible for overall conduct of the meet, including oversight of the swimming and the meet officials, the operation of the timing system, resolution of time disputes, determination of order of finish, and all other administrative requirements. **Administrative Referee is responsible for the timing system, resolution of time disputes, determine order of finish, and all other administrative requirements.** The Meet Referee is the senior official at the Championship meet, and has ultimate responsibility for the meet and for resolution of any and all problems.

11 Two referees are now appointed, this gives the responsibilities of the two officials

~~C. At all League Championship Meets, there will be a three member Meet Committee consisting of the Host Team Meet Director, the League Meet Referee and the Deck Referee which will have the final authority on all procedural matters at that Championship. Under no circumstances may one person fill more than one position on the Meet Committee. (NOTE: The Deck Referee may be a different individual for each session of a Championship).~~

12 The meet committee is now covered by the Meet Announcement

3.3 - HOST ASSOCIATION RESPONSIBILITIES

A. The Host Team/Association will be responsible for the following:

5. It is REQUIRED that the Meet Referee, Deck Referee, Starter, Administrative Official, Chief Judge, and Stroke & Turn Judges be Certified YMCA Officials to the appropriate position Level. In addition, the Meet Referee and the Deck Referee must meet the requirements of Section 2.10.J of these rules. **The officials who act as starter or referee may only work one session per championship. If the session time is less than three (3) hours only one starter and referee is needed. If the time line is longer than three hours, two starters and referees are required. The officials who act as the starter or referee may only work one session during one day of the championships if they work more than 3 hours as the only official. If they work less than 3 hours they may work multiple sessions on one day. If more than one person acts as the referee or starter during the session for more the 4 hours, they may work multiple sessions on one day. If the meet is over two days, the official my work on both days.** Order of finish personnel must be used regardless of the type of timing procedure. All Certified Officials are REQUIRED to wear the uniform as defined by National YMCA.

6. EACH TEAM IN THE DIVISION MUST PROVIDE, AT THE LEAST, THREE (3) TIMERS AND ONE (1) CERTIFIED OFFICIAL FOR EACH SESSION OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET. SHOULD A DIVISIONAL TEAM FAIL TO PROVIDE, AT THE LEAST, THREE (3) TIMERS AND ONE (1) CERTIFIED OFFICIAL FOR EACH SESSION, THE LIST OF VOLUNTEERS MUST BE PROVIDED WHEN THE ENTRIES ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE. ~~A MONETARY FINE OF \$25.00 WILL RESULT IF THE INFORMATION IS NOT PROVIDED BY THE DATE REQUIRED. THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL PENALTY OF \$25.00 FOR EACH DAY THE REQUIREMENT IS NOT MET. OTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL BE LEVIED AGAINST THE OFFENDING TEAM/TEAMS.~~

- 1 3 Paragraph numbers) This is to clarify which paragraphs these two instructions are
- Addition) This to clarify the requirement and to cover the situation where the meet covers more than one day.
- Deletion) The fine is covered in paragraph 3.3.E

D. Each Host must comply with the rules set forth by the Penn Del League for Divisional Championship meets. This includes, but is not limited to, the order of events, event numbers, name and abbreviation of teams as specified on the website, entry fees, etc.

E. Failure to comply with all rules will result in a minimum fine of \$25.00.

- 1 4 This sentence needs to stand alone as a separate paragraph

3.6 - RULES AND PROCEDURES

B. When the automatic timing system is operating properly, three (3) timers per lane are required for the AM championship session, ~~two (2)~~ **three (3)** timers are required for the PM championship session. Three timers are required for manual timing, semi-automatic timing or when automatic timing system is not operating.

- 1 5 We should always use three timers.