

## Penn Del 2013-14 Referee Class

### 1. USA Swimming Technical Rule Changes

- a. Many wording changes for clarification, but only 2 technical changes
- b. Breaststroke and Butterfly 101.2.4, 101.3.4, 101.3.5
  - At each turn and at the finish of the race, the touch shall be made with both hands **separated** and simultaneously ...
  - **Separated** means not overlapping – more information in the next few weeks – watch the Penn Del website for updates
- c. Swimwear 102.8.1.E
  - No swimmer is permitted to wear or use any device, substance or swimsuit to help his/her speed, pace, buoyancy or endurance during a race (such as webbed gloves, flippers, fins, **power bands, adhesive substances**, etc.)
  - No kinesiology tape
  - Tape for medical purposes or injuries is permitted
- d. It is the responsibility of the Referee at every meet (all season long) to review these rule changes. There is no way to ensure that all YMCA swim officials know about these changes.

### 2. Concussions - YMCA of USA has issued a Sports National Championship Concussion Memo that applies to YMCA championship meets

- a. Penn Del is preparing a Penn Del Policy on Concussions that will be issued before the start of the competitive season.
- b. A swimmer who sustains a head injury or who exhibits symptoms of a concussion may not compete that day and may not return to competition until cleared by a health care professional experienced in head injuries
- c. The YMCA Memo and other documents are on the Penn Del Website.

### 3. Referee Checklist

- a. Meet Manager Reports before the meet
  - Maximum Entries
  - Ages Not Correct
  - Check Relay Ages
  - Event / Athlete Age / Sex Mismatch
- b. Meet Manager Reports after the meet
  - Maximum Entries
  - Check Relay Ages
  - Event / Athlete Age / Sex Mismatch
- c. The Referee must complete the “Dual Meet Results & Meet Workers List Form”, including the name of all officials. The Referee must sign the form indicating acceptance of responsibility for the conduct of the Meet.
- d. General Check List
  - Referee must make sure life guards are in the chair, paying attention, and in position to see the pool. Not headsets on or texting while on duty.

- Review USA Swimming Rule changes with the officials
- Review USA Swimming Rule changes with the coaches, especially rule on swim wear

4. Use of more than 4 S&T officials.

- Coaches are concerned that swimmers are being disqualified at Regionals and States for stroke violations that have not been observed during the dual meet season because only 4 S&T officials are used at dual meets but at higher level meets a larger complement of officials are used.
- During dual meets, S&T judges mainly work from the side of the pool and 2 officials cover 3 lanes from end to end.
- At larger meets, turn judges are assigned at both ends observing 1 or 2 lanes, and there are multiple judges on the sides.
  - Swimmers are being observed from different vantages than dual meets.
  - Swimmers are being observed continuously as compared to dual meets.
- Coaches have requested that more S&T officials be used at dual meets so that stroke violations that have been missed during the dual meet season but are observed during championship meets will not be missed.
- The following is good guidance on assignment of officials. This applies whether the officials rotate or remain in the same position for the entire meet. This does not include assignments for Relay Takeoffs – to be determined by the Referee.

No of S&T officials	4	6	8	10
No. of lanes				
6 (assuming that officials can walk both sides of the pool)	2 on each side, watching quadrants	1 on each side, wall to wall 2 turn judges on each end, 3 lanes each	1 on each side, wall to wall 3 turn judges on each end, 2 lanes each	2 on each side, ½ pool each wall to wall 3 turn judges on each end, 2 lanes each
8	2 on each end, each watching 4 lanes for ½ pool	3 on each end, watching ½ pool length. 1 on lanes 1 -3, 1 on 4-5, 1 on 6-8	4 on each end watching ½ pool length. 2 lanes each	4 on each end watching ½ pool length, 2 lanes each. 2 relief officials