



# Officials Committee Liaison Report

- \* Please provide as much information as possible
- \* Please attached a spreadsheet of the officials who worked the meet - include LSC/LMSC, Position, email address

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Meet Name: 2012 USMS Summer Nationals

Date: 07/05-07/09

Location: Omaha, Nebraska

Pool Config: Single 50M   
 2 x 25y Course   
 # Lanes per course: 10

## Staffing:

Meet Referee Jacki Allender Head Starter Pat Baker

Chief Judge Ed Saltzman/Fred Pigott Admin Referee Herb Schwab

Approximate number of officials each day:

Day 1 16+ Day 2 18+ Day 3 16+ Day 4 15+ Day 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Where there adequate officials to cover all deck positions: More than enough on Thursday

Friday, Saturday and Sunday proved to be more difficult as several of the officials also

swam. Somehow we managed to cover and still provide adequate relief for everyone.

Where there enough officials to provide relief: We managed

How long was the average S&T Shift: 30 minutes

Comments: It would have been more comfortable with a few more full time officials

Approximately how many officials were from the HOST LMSC/LSC and how many from outside:

LMSC/LSC	QTY	LMSC/LSC	QTY	LMSC/LSC	QTY	LMSC/LSC	QTY
<u>MW</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>GU</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>OH</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>AZ</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>CO</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>KY</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>GA</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>IL</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OK</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>IN</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>WV</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>PV</u>	<u>1</u>		

What were the conditions like for the officials - shade, no shade, ample water, sufficient hospitality  
Conditions were very good. The pool deck was cool (cold at times) and very roomy.

Hospitality was good. Chairs were available during the Freestyle events.

Hospitality was very far from the pool deck which made it a little difficult to run and get drinks

## **Quality of Officiating:**

Were the officials briefed in the difference between USMS and USA swimming rules?

**Yes - every morning. USMS "Quick Reference" cards were handed out for each official to carry.**

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From your observations, how would you rate the quality of the officiating? Did they step up to the edge? Were they friendly to the swimmers? Did they explain the DQ's? Did they notify the swimmers?

**The quality of officiating was very high - equal to a National Deck. All officials were very friendly,**

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**very knowledgeable and professional.**

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How would you rate the quality of the Starters? Did they rush the starts? Were they patient with the swimmers exiting the pool? Were the starts equitable and consistent? Were there any false starts?

**False starts were at a minimum - maybe 1-2 over the entire weekend - No recalls.**

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**Starters were consistent and gave a fair start each time.**

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Did the host make the officials feel welcome? Were there any official's gifts (i.e. meet shirts, etc.) Were USMS mini rule books provided to the officials?

**The host did a good job of welcoming the officials; provided mini rule books and a meet shirt. There**

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**was a shortage of Meet Shirts which was resolved. Officials were invited to the Social free of charge.**

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Overall observations of the performance of the officiating crew and the operation of the meet.

**Everything ran very smoothly. Only glitch was the second day when the Head CJ (Me) mis-calculated**

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**the relay takoff judges required (forgot it was 200's) and we scrambled and went with an uneven deck.**

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**USA Radio's were available for use and bells/lap counters were available in a timely manner.**

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**Miscellaneous:**

Were pool measurements done before and after each session? Yes  No

**Not necessary - courses made up of - fixed walls -only required one measurement.**

Were there an adequate number of evaluators present to perform N2/N3 evaluations? Yes

Any protests or problems that you know of? We had a few medical situations. I was not aware of

any incident reports being completed. There were a few protests that were handled by the Meet Referee

and did not go to the Meet Committee.

We had several calls involving suites, caps and goggles; which were handled by the Rules Committee

We also had several calls involving the use of body tape without prior approval.

Lessons learned / Recommendations: While "swimming" officials are vital and necessary - they should

not be counted when you determine the available size of your officiating crew.

It is best to have a fully staffed deck and use "swimming" officials as extra relief. Trying to work around

their events makes setting your deck very difficult.

Due to swimmers not being allowed to exit the pool over the pads and the large number of entries (1250)

most days exceeded the original projected timelines.

The host provided complementary rooms for most officials. But, due to the low turnout of local officials;

the deck had to be staffed with officials from out-of-region. Additional funding provided by the USMS

Officials Committee Stipend was not enough to cover 100% of everyone's travel expenses. Concern

was expressed early in the planning phase for this meet about the possibility of a low turn out from

local officials due to the proximity in time to the USA Olympic Trials. Still the host hoped for a better

response. Since the meet was expected to operate at a loss; the host did not have enough funding to

cover any travel expenses other than those specified in the contract and the hotel rooms.



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