

2025 Speedo Sectional Championship Series
Central Zone East Section Summer Championships
Meet Referee Report

Meet Name: 2025 Speedo Sectional – Central Zone East Section Summer Championships

Meet Host: The Ohio State University – Columbus OH

Meet Site: McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion, 1847 Neil Ave, Columbus Ohio 43210

Meet Date: July 17, 2025 – July 20, 2025

Meet Directors: Christine Thompson & Bill Dorenkott – The Ohio State University

Section Chairperson: Erin Crabtree – Firestone Akron

Meet Referee: Andrew Russell Olson – Wisconsin Swimming

Administrative Referee: Phil Barnes – Iowa Swimming

Officials:

39 total officials from 11 different LSCs

CA Swimming	1
IN Swimming	2
IA Swimming	4
IL Swimming	2
MD Swimming	1
MV Swimming	1
OZ Swimming	1
OH Swimming	19
LE Swimming	3
WI Swimming	3
AM Swimming	2
Total	39

Facility Setup:

The meet was held at the McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion located at The Ohio State University in Columbus Ohio. The competition pool was set up for 10 lane 50 meter with warm up lanes set up in the diving well. A secondary pool nearby was not used during the meet. The facility seats 1,750 spectators with deck seating for athletes via movable bleachers (capacity listed at 1,300). Ample meeting space was

available for hospitality, timers meeting, and officials room. Admin was located on deck on a raised platform in front of the control room with resolution tables to the left when facing it from pool side. Main starting area was in front of Admin with the 50's starting area on the same side at the other end of the pool. A remote strobe was available as needed. Hytec and Colorado operator were located on the platform.

Facility Function:

The facility was in a very good condition during the course of the meet.

Starting devices, main strobes, and one remote strobe were in good working order. One additional auxiliary strobe mounted on the wall above admin was not functioning. Per facility, a software update in starting box caused a connection error. No negative effects during meet.

Pads were all very new, 2025 for one set and 2024 for the other, and worked extremely well during the meet. Buttons errors were few and random, except for one that misfired often. Replacements were available.

Blocks on both ends were in very good condition and stable. Retractable Colorado back stroke ledges were used and were in good working order. Wedges on top of the blocks were mostly in good working order, however a few periodically had issues. Facilities was available without much delay to address. Several short delays were observed addressing the wedges.

Volunteers and meet staff:

The Co-Meet Directors split their assignments, with pre meet for Christine and during the meet for Bill. They were very friendly and responsive to any issues that came up.

Jacob was in charge of facility issues and was always on site to assist to address issues that came up. He was friendly and would fill in whenever needed, like at announcer etc. He was willing to do whatever we needed done.

Jay was in charge of the Colorado and general computer issues and was on site for the duration of the sessions. A few Issues came up, like a computer falling and rebooting, and he fixed them quickly.

The facility used the Red Coats for meet marshals and other similar jobs. The group did a great job, were cordial, and were always where they needed to be.

Timers were made up of volunteers and there was a pre session signup. With the pads working very well, we went down to 11 timers per session. There were some issues getting signups and getting them into timers meeting on time.

Hytec was manned by the Admin team.

Announcer was hard to hear at times, and caused a few protocol changes to address. Many athletes did not go to the awards due to difficulty hearing what was going on.

Officials:

All sessions had Sectional level coverage of officials.

CJ's: 5 CJ's for the meet maintained 4 CJ's per session.

Admin: 6 officials manned 5 Admin FTE (full time equivalent) positions during the meet. One Admin was always assigned Hytec. Lead AR was evaluator and the rest rotated through positions for evaluation purposes.

DR's & SR's: 3 DR/SR pairs were used during the first and last days, with 4 pairs used during days 2 & 3.

ST's: Lead lag was maintained for all sessions with 4 turn judges on each end of the pool for all sessions.

Evaluations: 4 evaluators conducted 20 evaluations during the meet.

Comments:

I would recommend the McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion for any USA swim meet level.

Andrew Russell Olson

2025 OH Summer Sectional Meet Referee