

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

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

Meet Host: University of Minnesota Recreation & Wellness (UofM)

Meet Site: Jean K. Freeman Aquatic Center

Meet Date: July 10, 2025 – July 13, 2025

Meet Referee: Craig Schoenlein – Ohio Swimming

Administrative Referee: Tracey Garrett – Oklahoma Swimming

Meet Director: Linda McKee – Minnesota Swimming

Entries:

Total of 87 teams, 698 swimmers (347 Female, 351 Male). 2 disability swimmers.

Officials:

29 total officials from 9 different LSCs

CO Swimming	1
IA Swimming	1
IL Swimming	2
MN Swimming	13
ND Swimming	1
NJ Swimming	2
OH Swimming	5
OK Swimming	3
WI Swimming	1
Total	29

Issues:

Equipment issues were very few and far between (only one pad to be traded out and one small delay using the backstroke ledge (more of an athlete user error). These two delays were promptly corrected by the facility staff and only resulted in a very short delay (1-2 minutes).

Volunteers:

All sessions were adequately covered by volunteer timers. A couple sessions only had one timer per lane due to volunteer groups cancelling at last minute. Marshall positions were filled by lifeguard staff. Hospitality was very good for breakfast and dinner. Lunch was provided each session for officials working time trials.

Comments:

This meet was conducted in an 8-lane, 50-meter, long course pool, with a 6-lane 25 yard diving well available for warm up/down during the competition. There were 8 prelim/final sessions and 4 time trial sessions. All warmup sessions were conducted in an "open" format with facilities and two invigilators aiding in the opening of sprint and pace lanes. The MN-LSC "sit & slide" warm up pool entry procedures were followed. A Colorado timing system and Gen-7 RJP system were used for competition. The host site was very clean and made great use of deck space. Some teams chose utilize spectator seating. All sessions started on time and concluded within 5-10 minutes of the published time lines. Facility staff performed at the highest level, they made the swim meet a very enjoyable event for coaches, athletes and volunteers. We had several coaches comment on how well the meet ran as well as how well they were treated. I would highly recommend utilizing this site again for future USA Swimming Sectional, Futures and Pro Series meets.

Craig Schoenlein