

2024 Region VIII Speedo Summer Sectionals – Columbia, MO

July 10-13, 2024

Meet Referee Report

Host: Columbia Swim Club Tigersharks

LSCs: Arkansas, Missouri Valley, Midwestern, Oklahoma, Ozark

Meet Director: Mary Barnes, CSC-MV

Meet Referee: Tom Lombardo, RSCA-OZ

Administrative Referee: Greg Huskey, CSC-MV

Facility: University of Missouri Aquatic Center, 50 Meter pool with 8 lanes, Diving well used for warm-up/Cool-down, Colorado Timing System, 18 & under separate locker rooms, 18 & Over locker rooms, and 1 on deck restroom for coaches & officials only.

Disability Athletes: No athletes identified with any disabilities reported to the Meet Referee

Entries by LSC: AR- 52 athletes (27 Female, 25 Male) 226 Total entries; MV- 224 athletes (130 Female, 94 Male) 1017 Total entries; MW- 61 athletes (29 Female 32 Male) 283 Total entries; OK- 44 athletes (28 Female, 16 Male) 208 Total entries; OZ- 155 athletes (84 Female, 71 Male) 607 Total entries

Timelines: Wednesday: Prelims (non-distance) 2hrs 42 min (9:00AM – 11:42) Distance 1hr 20min (2:00 pm-3:20pm) Finals 2hr 51 min; Thursday: Prelims 3hrs 20 min, Finals 2hrs 34mins; Friday: Prelims 3hrs 36min, Finals 2hrs 47mins; Saturday: Prelims(non-distance) 3hrs 3mins, Distance 1hr 33mins, Finals 2hrs 41mins.

Officials: MV-26, MW-4, OK-1, OZ-7, IL-1, MN-1, ST-1, CO-1; Evaluations: DR: 2-N3R, SR- 1-N3i, 3-N3R, CJ: 1-N2, 1-N3i, 1-N3F, ST: 2-N2, 1-N3, AR: 1-N3i, 1-N3R

Issues: There were several equipment failures (block fins, backstroke wedges, pad malfunctions) each day. However, only 1 caused a re-swim and the professionalism of the MU student worker (Aiden) corrected these in a timely manner (3-5 minutes). We had 2 issues of athletes getting sick at the finish of their races. Due to incomplete communication and bad radio communication from CJ to DR 2 heats swam before the MR stopped competition. It was communicated from CJ to DR that the athlete did not get sick in the pool only on herself and they did not see anything on the deck. The MR stopped all competition to get the facilities crew to clean the deck. Both CJ and DR were educated on making sure that incidents like this are to always be taken care of immediately and the area cleaned before competition continues. When the second sickness incident occurred, it was handled appropriately and quickly!

Additional Comments: The Mizzou Aquatic Center is the best aquatic facility in the Region VIII Section. Like many facilities they have had some challenges getting equipment replaced in a timely manner. There was some staffing turnover, however it seems like the new staff are coming up to speed.

Mary Barnes, Meet Director and Greg Huskey, Admin Referee and the rest of the host team CSC always make sure that whatever is needed for the meet to succeed gets done!

Records Broken: Men's 1500, Men's 200 Back, Men's 200 Free, Women's 200 Medley Relay, Men's 100 Back, Men's 50 Back, Men's 100 Free, Women's 50 Breast