

## **2023 Central Zone Eastern Spring Sectionals – Columbus Ohio**

### **Meet Referee Report**

Host: Ohio State University swim team

Meet Directors: William and Jack Dorenkott

LSCs: IN LE OH MI

Facility: location, Type equipment, locker rooms, etc, and if any issues : OSU McCorkle Aquatic Center, Omega timing system, had changing rooms for 17 and under male and female. Had changing rooms for 18 and over male and females. One bathroom on deck for officials, coaches and volunteers Had timing system issues and had to go back to Meet Manager 7.0 - had to hand type in some times. Console lost one heat which was recovered from the tape.

Session Finals had a split swim suit in the W 50 back a Final. Managed well by the DR. Also on Friday night finals had a recall on the M 400 IM A final. Coaches agreed on the reswim timing and the session finished 20 minutes late. Sunday finals canceled by the facility – with my concurrence – due to a medical emergency. The first few sessions started a few minutes late due to the lack of timers. To avoid this in future sessions we had only one timer per lane for the majority of sessions. Otherwise the sessions started and finished as published.

Athletes: Disabilities, etc 3 disabled athletes.

Entries by LSC: 7 from IN, 182 from LE, 261 from MI, 425 from OH Total number of splashes 3,724. 464 relay entries. 29 disqualifications, 58 DFS's, No penalty NS's, 134 Time trial swims over 4 days - Phil Barnes was the Time trials MR.

Timelines: See attached and comments above.

Meet Referee: Kerry Barnes

Administrative Referees: Tracy Meece (MN) ; Phil Barnes and myself (IA) helped set up the meet. Erin Schwab from the Ohio USA office. She worked all sessions.

Officials: Number by LSC, evaluations : 4 IA, 2 LE, 5 MI, 2MN, 18 OH Evaluator was Jayne Spittler There were 9 evaluations. Jayne Spittler did ; 2 X N2 ST, 2 X N3 ST, 1 X N2 Recert SR, 1 X N3 Final SR, 1 N3 Recert DR. Phil Barnes did 1 X N3 Final DR.

Issues: See Above and too much interference by the evaluator. Trying to have the meet run to her specifications. Evaluators should allow the officials to follow the protocols and procedures of the current meet.

Considerations for Future Meets:

- Invite and sanction done much earlier
- OME set up earlier

- Entry Chair is not the meet director and is at the least an experienced AO – preferably selected by the AR. This position needs to be performed by an individual who understands the procedures and the requirements for a paper trial. Who responds to emails and keeps an email log. Needs to be accurate record keeping of entries and unattached swimmers.
- All dates in the invite are followed accurately – set a calendar??
- Volunteers need to be requested before the Sunday prior to the start of the meet. Asked for dietary needs of officials but then did nothing about it. To be fair though one of the Meet directors went and bought food for those that needed it. But it was an after thought when I asked about that at one of our weekly meetings.
- Lots of proof of times and APT to be dealt with which Tracy, Phil, Erin and Anissa Kanzari dealt with.

Additional Comments ; My feeling is that this meet was put on by the 2 meet directors. There was no supporting body behind them. The facility had minimum staff to support this meet but they were awesome and they saved the young man's life on Sunday night. Without the knowledge of some experienced officials this meet would have been a disaster. At the very beginning of May I asked to have weekly meetings which we did. I asked about a variety of items that needed to be done and was told yes. My thoughts are that nothing was really done until the meet in Indiana was finished. The facility had not wanted to host this meet due to lack of staffing but that the section and the coach wanted it. If you would like any further comments or in sights please feel free to contact me.