

Referee's Meet Report – Central Zone Sectionals (East)

July 14-17, 2022

The meet was comprised of 597 athletes from 65 teams. We had a total of 2719 entries, plus an additional 110 entries for the time trial sessions. There were 15 officials who worked the meet, with all of them serving for at least two sessions and 10 who worked all sessions of the meet. There were 6 official evaluations done at the meet.

The meet ran smoothly with no major issues. The facility was well prepared for the meet, and the timing system worked well with only minor issues. The meet hosts were well prepared and the meet was well staffed with volunteers other than officials, where we operated with a lean deck. DQs were as expected for a meet at this level...largely early relay take-offs and some 15-meter mark violations.

Going forward, Central Zones may want to consider the timing of the meet. This meet ran concurrent with Indiana Swimming's Senior Championship and Ohio Swimming's Senior Championship. As a result, Indiana Swimming was not represented at all at the Sectional Meet, and Ohio Swimming was at about half contribution. That resulted in the athlete and officials' numbers being lower than desired. (The host was hoping for 800-850 athletes). There were also two other OQMs (including Futures) scheduled in the LSC within 4 weeks of Sectionals (plus the LSC championships), so officials looking for evaluation or meet opportunities had numerous choices in a brief period, which left our staffing levels lower than desired.