

## 2025 Minnesota 11-14 Age Group Long Course Championship Meet

### Meet Referee Report – Lutfi Tardia

#### Facility

- The Jean K. Freeman Aquatic Center is one of the best facilities in the State and we are lucky to have this facility to host the AG Championship Meet
- The timing system all equipment worked as it should, other than a few incidents of stuck wedge, but there were solved quickly.
- The Relay Judging Platform (RJP) is not used for this meet, but the Colorado backstroke ledges were used.
- Award staging area and platforms were nicely located for expeditious award ceremony.
- Road construction around the University of Minnesota made driving and parking around the Aquatic Center a challenge.

#### Host

- North Suburban Aquatic Club and Andrea Connolly-Dees did a great job on the pre-meet planning and communication.
- The host team did a fantastic job with the hospitality.
- Provided a great experience for the swimmers with bag tags and a fun toy for the swimmers
- We have enough volunteers except for a couple of sessions with only one timer per lane.
- Tom Hodgson was the announcer for the whole meet. Great announcing by Tom.

#### Officiating

- Great admin officiating from Linda McKee, Kerra Mayor and the team.
- We did not have a full complement of assigned officials causing some pre-session adjustments to best staffed the deck.
- Walked in officials were helpful to staff the deck for every session.
- Jack Swanson was the National Evaluator for the Meet. Jack also helped out taking other officiating role when needed.
- Radios were used throughout the meet.

#### Comments and Recommendations

- No article 250 disqualification was written during the meet.
- There were a severe weather warning during the last session. The Meet Referee called an emergency coaches' meeting proposing skipping the award ceremony to speed up the meet so it would finish before the severe weather.
- I recommend that future State Meet are spaced out properly to help with officiating and volunteering personnel.

- With the addition of 50m stroke events, the warmups should includes starting on both starting ends.