

To: MN Officials Chair

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From: T.R. Wheeler
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Re: Speedo Junior National Championships

To summarize my experience at the 2022 Speedo Junior National Championships, the made to order omelet bar was amazing. Best Hospitality by far of any meet attended.

In all seriousness, it was an amazing experience to be part of a team of officials like this. I am starting to get recognized at these bigger meets from other officials and making new friends.

Even though everyone on deck was very experienced, it was great to see the willingness to step up to any position delegated. The uniformity of stepping up on the whistles and marching out during the finals was great to be a part of. Even with someone stepping out at the wrong time and being jabbed by the rest of the team was all part of the good times that we had on deck. Bringing this back to the local LSC is a great way to strive for to create a national deck look. Now probably 90% of our LSA Officials will never get to this level but we can still try to have the look but making sure it stays light and fun but still professional looking.

I also had the opportunity to step up to a CJ position for a Time Trial session. Great exposure trying to pivot every heat with a different stroke and keep the protocols instilled for each stroke to be the same as the main sessions.

I will be going towards my N3 CJ or N3 Starter qualifications over the next year and look forward to creating great experiences for our swimmers and fellow officials.

Thank you,

T.R. Wheeler