



Speedo Sectionals EAST Section ~ Columbus, OH July 13-16, 2023

I had the opportunity to attend the Speedo Sectionals East in Columbus, OH earlier this month. I served as lead Admin Referee for the meet. This meet was scheduled to have 4 days of prelim/final sessions. Sunday finals were canceled due to an incident during warm-ups. Time trials were held after each preliminary session.

The meet was held at “THE Ohio State University.” During the meet we encountered many technical glitches with Meet Manager which led to a corrupt database that needed to be repaired during the meet. Hy-Tek had many problems with down-seeding of events, the removal of special character’s for times that were proven prior to seeding and time updates. The last 2 days of the meet were ran using Meet Manager 7.0 to get around these problems.

The meet used Colorado timing system. Timers were at a minimum for most sessions (ran 1 timer/lane for most of the meet). This was not ideal, but it was what we had. Equipment was well maintained which was a blessing!

Swim-offs were set-up as a team effort with the admin team contacting coaches to start the discussion of if/when swim-offs would happen and we kept the deck referee for the event in the loop the entire time.

Coach/Official hospitality was in an area just off the competition pool. Snacks/beverages were always available, and meals were served after Time Trials and prior to finals each day.

While this meet will not leave the memories of other higher level meets that I’ve attended, I would still recommend all officials attend a higher-level meet outside of the LSC. You make new friends and see different ways of doing things at each and **every** meet you attend.

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