

Iowa Swimming, Inc.

Complaint against Iowa City Eels Swim Club

Summary of Facts: On June 12, 2018, Iowa Swimming, Inc. ("ISI") received a written complaint regarding the meet operations used by the Iowa City Eels ("ICE") during its Splash-Out Hunger Invitational. The complaint says that ICE did not follow the sanctioned meet announcement regarding the request for participating teams to provide timers and officials for the meet. The approved meet announcement requests teams "to provide a timer or official for each session in which they have swimmers." (See the attached copy of page one of the meet announcement.)

Instead of requesting timers and officials as stated in the meet announcement, on June 7, 2018, ICE sent an email to participating teams informing them that the meet announcement states that "teams are to provide 50% of the timers for all sessions, however, ICE is taking care of all timers for sessions 1 & 2." The email then provided a timer allocation per session for all sessions of the meet for each participating team. (See the attached copy of ICE's June 7, 2018 email).

The complaint charges that: (a) it was inappropriate for ICE not to follow the meet announcement; (b) it was unfair that the June 7, 2018, email was sent with less than two days before the start of the meet; and (c) participating teams only had the choice of providing the timers as required by the email or not attending the meet.

ISI Rule: ISI Policy and Procedure Section I, Subsection X. B allows the ISI Board of Directors to assess a penalty against a team that does not follow the meet announcement. The accessible penalty shall be no lesser than \$50.

Summary of Investigation: The investigation surrounding the complaint has revealed:

- ICE admits it made a mistake by not following the approved meet announcement. The two weeks leading up to the meet were very hectic for ICE because they learned that Mercer Park Pool would not be available for the meet and they needed to arrange an alternative site for the meet or cancel it. ICE's meet committee recalls several version of the official/timer requirement provision in its meet announcement but did not check the terms of the approved meet announcement before the June 7, 2018, email was sent.
- One participating team called ICE to discuss the timer requirement after the June 7, 2018, email was sent. The discussion focused on the general requirement of having to provide timers and not the fact that the June 7, 2018, email was different from the meet announcement. The participating team admits it did not read the meet announcement. However, the team claims they had to pay team parents to fulfill the requested timer allocated positions.
- No team withdrew from the meet because of the timer allocations. No team talked with ICE during the meet about the timer requirements.
- The complainant felt that it would be forced to forfeit the meet entry fees and the splash fees it paid if it had to withdraw from the meet because it could not fulfill its timer requirements.

Recommendation: The Board fine ICE \$50.00 for failing to abide by the terms of the sanctioned meet announcement.

IOWA CITY EELS SWIM CLUB
'SPLASH OUT HUNGER' INVITATIONAL
JUNE 8-10 2018
MERCER PARK AQUATIC CENTER, IOWA CITY



GENERAL MEET INFORMATION

SANCTION & RULES

Sanction #IA-18-47R. Held under the sanction of USA Swimming and Iowa Swimming, Inc. (ISI). Current USA Swimming technical and administrative rules and ISI Policies and Procedures will govern this meet.

REVISED MEET SCHEDULE JUNE 8-10, 2018

	DAY	WARM UPS	COMPETITION	COACH MEETING
Session 1	Friday June 8	6:30 pm	7:30 pm	6:15 pm
Session 2	Saturday June 9	Noon	1 pm	11:45 am
Session 3	Saturday June 9	5:30 pm	6:30 pm	
Session 4	Sunday June 10	6:45 am	7:45 am	
Session 5	Sunday June 10	10:40 am	11:30 am	

CLASSIFICATION:

- Closed Invitational. Teams who have not received an invitation may email meetdirector@iceels.org if they wish to participate. Invitations will be extended on a space available basis.

SPECIAL NOTICE

- Entries will be limited to 400 non-ICE swimmers. Teams will be asked to provide a timer or official for each session in which they have swimmers.
- Teams intending to participate should email entries@iceels.org with an approximate number of swimmers by April 2, 2018. Confirmation that a team has been accepted into the meet shall be by return email. A deposit of \$20 per swimmer is due within 72 hours of notification of acceptance.
- Teams are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for donation to the food banks at local schools. A list of suggested items may be found at the end of the invite.

SITE:

University of Iowa CRWC-Aquatic Center 309 S Madison St Iowa City, IA 52242-1111
Indoor, 8 lane, 50 meter pool with a starting end depth of 7 foot and a turning end depth of 7foot.
Timing System: Daktronics system with touch pads, back-up buttons, and manual watches
The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C (4).
A copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming.

COACHES

From: ICE Meet Entries <entries@iceels.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 7, 2018 12:00:30 PM
To: ICE Meet Directors; Meet Officials; Meet Volunteer Coordinators
Subject: Splash Out Hunger - Timer allocations

Good afternoon Teams!

Due to the tight timelines, I think it is best to send timer allocations to teams rather than wait for timers to be located at the venue. Our meet invite states that teams are to provide 50% of the timers for all sessions, however, ICE is taking care of all timers for sessions 1 & 2. For the remaining 3 sessions, no team should need to provide more than 3 timers total.

Lane	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5
1	EISF EISF	L4	VAC VAC
2	USSD LMST	L4	LMST LMST
3	ICE ICE	ICE	ICE ICE
4	ICE ICE	ICE	ICE ICE
5	ICE ICE	ICE	ICE ICE
6	ICE ICE	ICE	ICE ICE
7	PSC PSC	NST	EISF NST
8	PSC BLAST	NST	BLAST BLAST

We know that this timeline change has been difficult for teams. Thank you for being flexible. We look forward to seeing your teams this weekend.