

624 Championship Meet Coach of Record and Protest Procedure

(New and/or Clarified 7/2017)



- CONTINUING PROCEDURE: Coaches, officials and meet workers must sign-in and receive a wristband. Coaches and officials must also provide proof of current USA Swimming credentials.
 - a. WHY? To verify current credentials for those functioning as coaches and officials. At some facilities, it is also is to control deck access and increase athlete safety. It also reduces overcrowding which:
 - i. Helps ensure that those who need to be on deck can be. (For example: A credentialed coach from every team)
 - ii. Makes it easier for athletes, officials, hospitality workers and others to quickly move around the deck
- NEW: At the credential check, each team must now designate a Coach of Record (COR) for this meet. The COR will need to sign a statement saying s/he has read the *USI Championship Process for Questioning/Protesting a Call or Official Decision* and agrees to follow this process.
 - a. The COR will be the only coach from that team who may approach/question a referee. (Includes Meet, Admin or Deck Referee)
 - b. If desired, the COR may be changed at the Credential Desk during the warm-up time of any session
 - c. WHY? A Coach of Record provides a single point of contact for meet officials with the team. This:
 - i. Aids continuity
 - ii. Reduces the amount of time spent by officials processing multiple requests, and
 - iii. Ensures the coach has a basic understanding of the appropriate questioning/protest procedure
- CLARIFIED: Admin area/clerk of course is accessible only to those assigned to work in this area, plus the meet referee and/or their designee.

USI Championship Process for Questioning/Protesting a Call or Official Decision

1. Be familiar with and abide by USA Swimming Rule 102.23. This rule governs protests at meets.
2. The one delivering a DQ to the team will first ask for the Coach of Record. If this person is not readily available, the DQ may be delivered to another coach from that team.
3. Coach of Record questions call/decision with appropriate official

Type of Call or Decision	Appropriate Official
DQ Question	Whoever delivers the DQ
No Shows/Missing Swimming/Wrong Lane	Deck Referee (the one blowing the whistle)
Eligibility/Entry Questions	Admin Referee (See meet announcement for name – usually found in the Admin area)
Anything from a previous session	Meet Referee (See meet announcement for name – may ask Chief Judge or Deck Referee for location of Meet Referee)

4. If not satisfied with answer, Coach of Record may question the Meet Referee
5. If still not satisfied with answer from Meet Referee, refer to rule 102.23 (protests) in the USA Swimming rulebook, to see if another avenue of protest is available.

Change Log				
Version	Date	Description of Change/Section(s)	Author or Editor	Authority
1	7/2019	Development of written policy/Entire policy	Cathy Vaughan	BOD
2	11/12/2019	Added Change Log	Cathy Vaughan	BOD