

January 26, 2016 Officials Report

Notes from the Quarterly Conference Call of the LSC Official Chairs: Lane Malfunctions and Timing Issues after May 1, 2016

Taking back-up time, as long as it is valid.

Hy-tek is working on a software update, since the NCAA and NFHS are not following this rule change.

We should hold workshops in March and April; to better go over the plan of action and new procedure to follow when we eliminate the calculating of back-up times when there is a lane malfunction.

May 1st is a Sunday, so this new change will go into effect on the next weekend of meets. Once a rule is used at a meet, it is used for the entire meet, not changed in the middle of the meet.

The National Officials Committee hopes to publish procedures used when using Hy-tek or the Touchpad software programs.

The National Officials Committee hopes to send out the final version of the software update, with instructions.

The AO still has to make sure the watch times are accurate.

The watch times sometimes changes the order of finish, so we, as AO's will still have to make a knowledgeable decision.

After May 1st and in USA Swimming competition, it is hoped that Hy-tek has a program that will not allow the back-up times (watch or buttons) to be automatically calculated when there is a lane malfunction.

FINA makes no adjustment.

The Use of Compression Tape

USA Swimming does not follow the high school rule, where tape may be used by a swimmer to treat a documented medical condition, even if the Referee is presented signed documentation from an appropriate health-care professional. In USA Swimming, compression tape such as Kinesio Tape is not permitted while the athlete is competing.

The National Officials Committee and Vice President of Program Operations, has asked that ALL DECK REFEREES, not allow swimmers to use any type of compression tape in competition.

Even though, 102.8.1E says, "Any kind of tape on the body is not permitted unless approved by the Referee," all USA Swimming Deck Referees need to say "NO" to wearing compression tape.

Deck Referees can still make a knowledgeable decision on tape used for wound closure only.

Recommendations from the Officials Committee - "Lochte Rule"

[Pertaining to the freestyle portion of the medley events.](#)

Determination of the body position during the freestyle portion of the medley events (individual and relay) should be judged in a similar manner to other body position calls. Namely, the shoulders must be at or past the vertical toward the breast when the swimmer leaves the wall. The judge should watch the swimmer's feet leave the wall and then look up to gauge the relative position of the shoulders to one another. It is important to consciously think about the position of the shoulders from the point of observation – forward in time and not project back in time to where the shoulders *might have been* between the time the feet left the wall and the observation was made. As always, the

benefit of any doubt goes to the swimmer. This is particularly true when the judge is observing more than one lane as it may be quite difficult to ascertain the position of the shoulders when observing from a different lane.

[Suggested language for the disqualification slip](#)

Use Miscellaneous-Other (7T) “Swimming more than ¼ of the race in the style of backstroke.”

We are looking for consistency in following this rule interpretation.

Copy is being sent tomorrow, for a mass distribution to all non-athlete Officials.

Use of the Starting Wedge on NCAA relay take-offs:

This year there have been several questions related to the use of the starting wedge on the top of the blocks during relays. The question is specifically regarding teams that have chosen to move the wedge to the front of the block and leave the starting block from the wedge during their relay exchanges. Among other issues, this has rendered the Electronic Relay Judging Platforms (RJP's) moot as they are not recording take-off readings as the wedge is preventing a direct reading. **This take-off is not legal and cannot be used under the NCAA rules.** NCAA Rule 1-3-8 has two references that render this an illegal use of the wedge. The rule states in part that the front edge of the starting platform shall not exceed 30 inches in height above the surface of the water and by moving the wedge to the front of the block most times that exceeds the allowable height. Secondly, the rule further states that when track style starting blocks are used they must accommodate RJP's. By accommodating RJP's, that refers to not only fitting them on the block, but, also allowing them to function properly without interference from the track style starting block. By bypassing those RJP's in moving the wedge to the front of the block it is not accommodating the use of the RJP.

This and that from the SN Official's Chair:

Since our first 2016 Officials Clinic on October 5th in Chico, there have been 297 people who have attended a 2016 Clinic. Of these 297, 65 are new potential Stroke and Turn Judges in training. Fifteen of these folks have not started any of the certification requirements, but attend the yearly required clinic and paying their USA Swimming membership fee for 2016.

There are no 2016 Clinics on the calendar at the present time, but that doesn't mean that no more clinics will be offered. When the seasonal swimmers start in the spring, some of the seasonal clubs will offer clinics. Even some of the clubs in our LSC, might have a few folks, who missed attending the required yearly clinic and would like to host a clinic now. I would suggest that the Team's Official Coordinator contact other Teams in the area to see if they would be interested in hosting a new 2016 clinic.

Many Officials or non-athlete members of USA Swimming have to complete the new renewal Athlete Protection Training course before becoming a member in 2016. If taken now, it will expire on 12/31/2018.

Income from USA Swimming memberships, which were paid by folks who have attended the 2016 clinics, is \$16,390 as of January 13, 2016.

2015 Sierra Nevada Swimming Volunteer of the Year

Scott Sewell from the Davis Arden Racing Team.

The Phillips Petroleum Outstanding Service Award for 2015

Bill Fisher

The 2015 Western Zone Volunteer of the Year Award

Jodi Votava

The Sam Uriu Award Winner for 2015

Tanya Harris.

2015 Officials Committee Award Winners

Steve Covington

Mike Downs

Charmaine Lee

Alex Ongaco

John Richardson

Previous Sam Uriu Award Winners

1996 Sam Uriu Award Winner

Steve Moore of Woodland- 18 sessions

1997 Sam Uriu Award Winner

Patricia Newman of Davis- 20 sessions

1998 Sam Uriu Award Winner

PAT RISSER of woodland- 18 sessions

1999 Sam Uriu Award Winner

Linda Jansen of Davis - 24 sessions

2000 Sam Uriu Award Winner

Sue Traub of SMST - 26 sessions

2001 Sam Uriu Award Winner

Steve Shaffer of Davis - 31 sessions

2002 Sam Uriu Award Winner

Frank Beninsig of SMST- 35 sessions

2003 Sam Uriu Award Winner

Ted Curley of Davis - 31 sessions

2004 Sam Uriu Award Winner

Tara Simmons of CCA - 30 sessions

2005 Sam Uriu Award Winner

Roselyn Daneke of LODI - 39 sessions

2006 Sam Uriu Award Winner

Bob Hammond of CCA - 23 sessions

2007 Sam Uriu Award Winner

Kerry Halsed of Davis - 28 sessions

2008 Sam Uriu Award Winner

Mary Hickman of Davis - 29 sessions

2009 Sam Uriu Award Winner

Chris Westlake of CCA - 28 sessions

2010 Sam Uriu Award Winner
Dana Covington of AquaSol - 30 sessions

2011 Sam Uriu Award Winner
Richard Strohm of CCA - 37 sessions

2012 Sam Uriu Award Winner
Scott Sewell of AH - 34 sessions

2013 Sam Uriu Award Winner
Alison Turner of AH - 30 sessions

2014 Sam Uriu Award Winner
Elisa Reuter of DART - 38 sessions

2015 Sam Uriu Award Winner
Tanya Harris of VACA - 27 sessions

Past Official Committee Award Winners

2000 Officials' Committee Award winners are:

Paul Reidl from the Central Valley Aquatics Swim Team
Ginny Day from the Woodland Swim Team
Deborah Stanley from the Vacaville Swim Team
Bruce Ajari from the Sparks Piranhas Swim Team
Sherry King from the Red Bluff Swim Team
Don Kessler from the Davis Aqua Darts Swim Team

2001 Officials' Committee Award winners are:

Del Brown from the Central Valley Aquatics Swim Team
Donna Henson from the Mount Shasta Swim Club
Pat Roche from the Redding Aqua Ducks Swim Team
Vic Kleiwer from the Davis Aqua Darts Swim Team
Bill Winchester from the Sierra Marlins Swim Team
Chris Nissen from the Arden Hills Swim Club
Bill Fisher from the Tuolumne County Aquatics Swim Team
Ken Price from the Woodland Swim Team
Jeff Corell from the Vacaville Swim Team

2002 Officials' Committee Award winners are:

Gerry Garrison from the Placerville Gold Aquatics Swim Team
Bob VanDerLinde from the Chico Aqua Jets Swim Club
Randy Scott from Sierra Nevada
Debbie Kleinhans from the Mt. Shasta Swim Team

2003 Officials' Committee Award winners are:

Ezra Eddie from the Penguin Swim Team
Stacey Kelly from the Redding Aqua Ducks Swim Team
Steve Schafer from the Davis Aqua Darts Swim Team
Bill Fisher from the Tuolumne County Aquatics Swim Team

2004 Officials' Committee Award winners are:

Bob and Lori Hammond from the California Capital Aquatics Swim Team
John Griffin from the Lodi City Swim Team
Memo Mendoza from the Solano Athletic Sea Otters Swim Team
Carolyn Pendergrass from the Orland Otters Swim Team
Greg Tyler from the Redding Aqua Ducks Swim Team

2005 Officials' Committee Award winners are:

Roger Young from the Central Valley Aquatics Swim Team
Bill Misslin from the Redding Aqua Ducks Swim Team
Fred Stolp from the Durham Dolphins Swim Team
Kerry Halsted from the Davis Aqua Darts Swim Team
Bill Levin from the Spare Time Swim Club
Niffey Carmody from the Solano Athletic Sea Otters Swim Team

2006 Officials' Committee Award winners are:

Gary Anderson from the Chico Aqua Jets Swim Team
Carol Duty from the Woodland Swim Team
Carol Lee from the Penguin Swim Team
Roswita Norris from the Davis Aqua Darts Swim Team
Tom Parodi from the Vacaville Swim Team
Dave Riggert from the Vacaville Swim Team
Pat Risser from the Woodland Swim Team
John Struckmeyer from the Glen Oaks Swim League

2007 Officials' Committee Award Winners are:

Denna Culpepper from the California Capital Aquatics Swim Team
Michael Arnold from the Tuolumne County Aquatics Swim Team
Charlotte Bohn from the Vacaville Swim Team
Julie Hunziker from the Redding Aqua Ducks Swim Team
Tracy Holzwarth from the North Valley Aquatics Swim Team

2008 Officials' Committee Award Winners are:

Mark Carmody from the Solano Athletic Sea Otters Swim Team
Jeff Jones from Sierra Marlins Swim Team
Rebecca Landre from Sierra Marlins Swim Team
Daron Whittle from the Woodland Swim Team
Will Halligan from the California Capital Aquatics Swim Team
Ted Curley from the Davis Aqua Darts Swim Team

2009 Officials' Committee Award Winners are:

Brian Rhodes from the Penguin Swim Team
Lou Schlitz from the Central Valley Aquatics Swim Team
Mark Hampton from the Scott Valley Swim Team
Rick West from the Chico Aqua Jets Swim Team
Gwen O'Hagan from the California Capital Aquatics Swim Team

2010 Officials' Committee Award Winners are:

Penny Dodson from Sierra Marlins Swim Team
Jeff Galvin from the Spare Time Swim Club
Marilyn MacArt from the Woodland Swim Team
Craig Dolley from Sierra Marlins Swim Team

2011 Officials' Committee Award Winners are:

Jodi and Pete Votava from the California Capital Aquatics Swim Team
Glenn Abernethy from the Vacaville Swim Team
C.A. Russell from the Central Valley Aquatics Swim Team
Bill Henderson from the Davis Aqua Darts Swim Team

2012 Official's Committee Award Winners are:

Jeff Anderson from the Northern Sierra Aquatics Swim Team
Bruce Barber from the Arden Hills Swim Club
Dana Covington from the Aqua Sol Swim Team
John Daleo from the California Capital Aquatics Swim Team
Art Louie from the Solano Athletic Sea Otters Swim Team
Kevin Tokuniga from the Durham Dolphins Swim Team

2013 Official's Committee Award Winners are:

Donna Evans from the Arden Hills Swim Club
Amber Ponciano from the Gridley Gators Swim Team
Dean Needham from the Davis Aqua Darts Swim Team
Dennis Boston from the California Capital Aquatics Swim Team

2014 Official's Committee Award Winners are:

Joel Christeson from the Foothill Aqua Sharks Swim Team
T.J Kay from the California Capital Aquatics Swim Team
Juerg Morach from the Woodland Swim Team
Jennifer Treff from the Chico Aqua Jets Swim Team
Hank Van Mourik from the California Capital Aquatics Swim Team

2015 Official's Committee Award Winners are:

Steve Covington from the Aqua Sol Swim Team
Mike Downs from Sierra Marlins Swim Team
Charmaine Lee from the Vacaville Swim Team
John Richardson from the California Capital Aquatics Swim Team
Alex Ongaco from the California Capital Aquatics Swim Team