



POTOMAC VALLEY SWIMMING MISSION STATEMENT

Potomac Valley Swimming (PVS) shall promote swimming and foster equal access for competitive opportunities for the benefit of swimmers of all ages and abilities, in accordance with the standards, rules, regulations, policies and procedures of the Federation Internationale de Natation (FINA), USA Swimming (USA-S) and PVS and its Articles of Incorporation. The objectives and primary purpose of PVS shall be the education and assurance of instruction and training of individuals to develop and improve their capabilities in the sport of swimming.



From the Chairman
PVS Officials Committee Chair Tim Husson



As we close out the short course season, I'd like to thank all the PVS officials that made our championship meets in March a big success. Both the quantity of officials and the quality of officiating were impressive.

If you are a referee or an administrative official, please take note of the article below describing the new rules for timing adjustments that begin on May 1. Although this removes the need for some of the calculations involved in determining an official time, it in no way diminishes the important role of the administrative official/administrative referee.

We have a rare opportunity this summer to officiate a higher level USA Swimming meet without traveling outside of PVS. One of the Futures meets (Aug. 4-7) will be held at the University of Maryland. This is a meet you have to apply to officiate <<http://www.usaswimming.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=1511&Alias=Rainbow&Lang=en>>. As a friendly tip, you are much more likely to be selected for this meet if you agree to work all the sessions.

Email me your comments and questions anytime.

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Rules for Timing Adjustments by Barb Ship

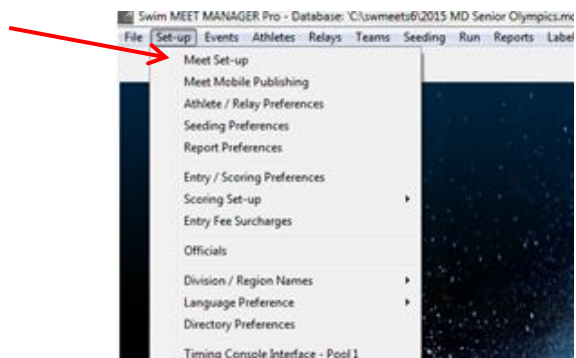


Beginning May 1, 2016, the USA Swimming rules for timing adjustments due to a lane malfunction change to the following:

102.24.4D Adjustment for Malfunction on a Lane — When a malfunction is confirmed on a lane, the back-up times for that lane shall be calculated in accordance with 102.24.4B and integrated with the accurate primary times in establishing the official time and determining the results.

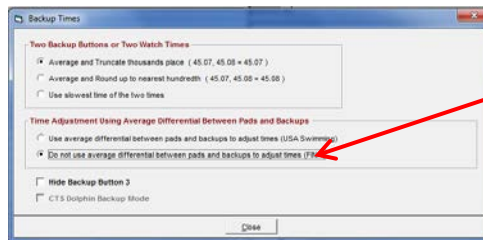
With the adoption of this rule, timing adjustments will no longer require complicated calculations for lane malfunctions. The backup time, as determined by 102.24.4B, will be the official time. ***While the procedure for determining the official time has simplified, it remains the responsibility of the Administrative Official/Administrative Referee to determine if the primary time is valid.*** Note, the procedures to adjust times due to a heat malfunction (102.24.4D in the 2016 rulebook) have not changed.

Beginning May 1, Meet Manager (MM) must be configured to accommodate this change. Administrative Officials/Referees should confirm the proper setting for each meet. In MM 6 (Version 6.0Ce or later), the setting is found on the Meet Set-up screen. From the main screen, choose **Set-up | Meet Set-up**. In the lower right corner, select **FINA rules** for **Timing Adjustment Method**.



<input type="radio"/> Senior / Open	* Course
<input type="radio"/> High School	<input type="radio"/> LC Meters
<input type="radio"/> College	<input type="radio"/> SC Meters
<input type="radio"/> YMCA	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yards
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Masters	DQ Codes
<input type="radio"/> Disabled	Custom DQ Codes
Timers Connected to this Computer	Time Adjustment Method
<input checked="" type="radio"/> One timer	<input checked="" type="radio"/> FINA rules
<input type="radio"/> Two timers	<input type="radio"/> USA Swimming rules prior to 1 May 2016
Timer 1 Name Pool 1	
Timer 2 Name Pool 2	
OK	Cancel Be-Convert Entries

In MM 4 and MM 5, the setting for timing adjustments is configured by going to **Preferences | Backup Times** from the Run Screen. Select **“Do not use average differential between pads and backups to adjust times (FINA)”**.



If there is a failure of the primary timing system (pad), the official time is determined using back-up times. Below is the “Calc” screen:

Time Adjustment - #5 Mixed 100 Yard Butterfly - Heat 1

Create Report Show Heat Malfunction

Lane Adjustment Using Backup Times								
Use	Lane	Primary	Button 1	Button 2	Button 3	Button Calc	Difference	Adjusted
<input type="checkbox"/>	1							
<input type="checkbox"/>	2							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3	1:55.54	1:55.53	1:55.56		1:55.54	0.00	1:55.54
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	1:41.75	1:41.78	1:41.72		1:41.75	0.00	1:41.75
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5	1:28.71	1:28.73	1:28.69		1:28.71	0.00	1:28.71
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6	1:43.21	1:43.15	1:43.27		1:43.21	0.00	1:43.21
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7	NS					0	NS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8	NS					0	NS
<input type="checkbox"/>	9							

If there is more than .30 seconds between the middle backup time and the primary time, use the backup time without any adjustments.
 Yellow = Calculated backup time is more than .30 faster than the pad time.
 Blue = Calculated backup time is more than .30 slower than the pad time.
 Green = Only two backups: the average is more than .30 from the pad time, but one backup is within .30 of the pad time.
 Dark Pink for any backup time means it is more than .30 from the pad time.

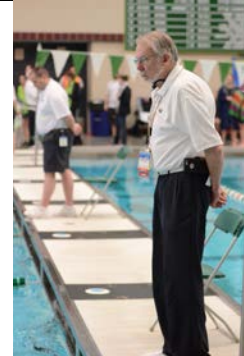
Preference is set to NOT use Pad and Backup Differentials to adjust times.

Note that the calculation that is performed above is simply an average of the button times (if using 2 buttons), dropping the digit representing the thousandth place with no rounding. If there are three buttons, Meet Manager selects the middle time. If there is no valid back-up button time, simply calculate the official time from the watch times according to 102.24.4B and enter that time into the **Finals Time** on the main run screen.

You Make the Call!



Question: After the start of the last heat of the women's 400-meter freestyle, the starter sounds the recall. However, none of the swimmers respond and since there is no recall rope, they all continue swimming. Half of the swimmers are stopped at the 50-meter turn while the other half get to the 100-meter turn before stopping.



What should the deck referee do?

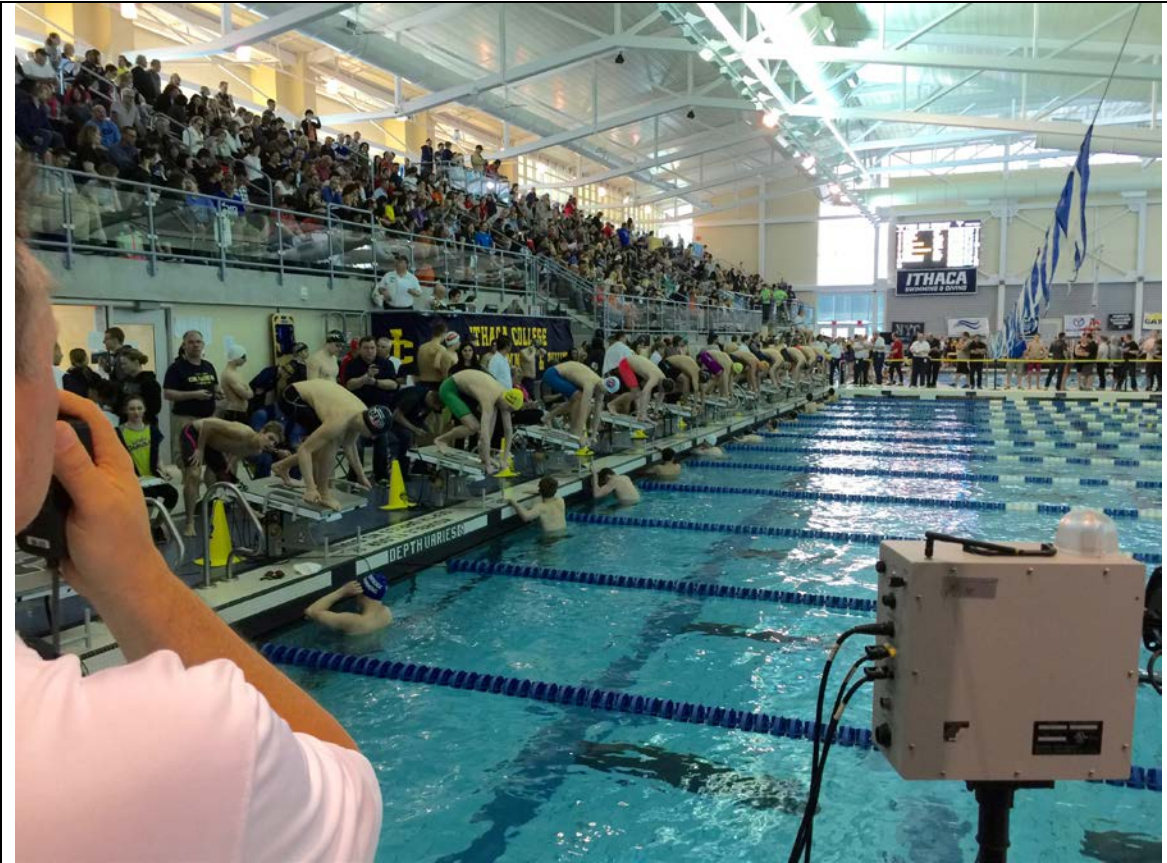
So You Want to Use 12 Lanes?

by Bob Vincent



So what do you do when you have almost 800 athletes for the Saturday morning session. You do have several options. You can run two pools, if the facility can handle it and you have enough officials. You can also flight the heats, meaning you run the fastest heats of each event so that the fastest athletes have the ability to finish the session and rest before finals. Or, you can run 12 lanes. This is not usually an option as most facilities can not handle the configuration. Two weeks ago I got the chance to work a session that used 12 lanes. While I will not discuss whether or not this was the best option, it was the option that the Meet Referee and Meet Director agreed on. What I will discuss is how that effected the officiating.

The first thing that happened was that there were relays. If you have ever looked at a relay take-off slip you have probably seen them for 8, 9, or even 10 lanes. There was not one for 12 lanes, and this became an issue because each of the take-off judges marked their slips identifying the 12 lanes differently. Another interesting thing was that there were 9 bells allocated for the distance session, which now required 12. This was ultimately not an issue as the bells were shared between multiple lanes and worked just fine.



The biggest area of officiating that was effected in this writer's opinion was the starting. While I have started up to 10 lanes before, 12 was a new challenge. It was like looking down 20 blocks at once. It was very challenging to identify false starts. Although I would have to say that the athletes were very cooperative and seemed to adjust without any issues. The first false start that was called was actually confirmed by both the Starter and Referee. There were several more that could not be confirmed because the two could not agree on the lane.

At the end of the day I think it was actually a success. The session that could have been more than 5 hours was under 4. The coaches and athletes seemed happy with it. The officials did what all good officials do and adjusted to make the best of the situation.

PVS Officiating Fun Facts

by Tim Husson & Kelly Rowell



Clinics, Clinics, Clinics!

In the past seven months, the Potomac Valley Swimming Officials Committee has offered 47 officials' clinics. Have you ever wondered why we offer so many clinics?

First and foremost, the primary role of the PVS Officials Committee is to recruit and train officials. *“The Officials Committee is authorized and obligated to recruit, train, test, certify, evaluate, retest, recertify, and supervise officials for PVS.”* – PVS Bylaws

By offering an array of clinics at a variety of times and locations, the PVS officials committee hopes to make it as easy as possible for new and returning officials to attend a clinic. For a variety of reasons, approximately 20% of PVS officials do not return each year. With an increase in meets in PVS, the need to maintain and increase the number of certified officials to support those meets is apparent. The first step for a new volunteer is to attend a clinic.



In order to maintain his/her certification(s), each of the 500+ PVS officials is required to attend a clinic every two years. In addition, many PVS officials choose to expand their capabilities by certifying in additional positions. A clinic is required for each new certification an official chooses to pursue.

Since September, PVS has certified 60 new Stroke & Turn Judges, 14 new Timing System Operators and 15 new Computer Operators. Many other PVS officials have attained new certifications and others are continuing the certification process. Let your friends and neighbors know the door is always open for new volunteer officials, a “job” that we’ve all found rewarding.

You Make the Call Resolution



Recommended Resolution: The heat needs to be re-swum but the swimmers will need some time to recover. The swimmers and/or their coaches should be asked how much time they will need to recover and be ready to swim. As the men's 400-meter freestyle is the next event, the referee should start that event and then re-swim the women's heat after one or more of the men's heats have been swum. Also, if a time line has been published, verify that all swimmers seeded into the first heat of the men's 400-meter freestyle are present before starting the event.

Applicable Rules: 101.1.3C, 102.13.1, 102.13.4

Upcoming Meets



APRIL

Date	Meet	Host	Location
2-3	FISH Spring Fever LC Invitational	FISH	Fairland
8-10	March Madness (by invitation)	YORK	Oak Marr
8-10	Open Water Nationals	USA Swimming	Miromar Lakes, FL
9	Spring Penguin Meet	PAC	Fairland
14-16	Arena Pro Swim Series (LCM)		Mesa, AZ
17	Spring Invitational	ERSC	Fairland
22-24	Machine LC Classic	MACH	Lee District
23-24	Spring Sprints Invitational	SDS	South Runt
23	Dive into Spring LC	PAC	Fairland
29-1	LC Speedo Spring Splash	OCCS	Freedom Center
30-1	Early Bird LC Invitational	MSSC	Fairland
31-3	Speedo Championship Series Eastern Zone Spring SC Sectional Meet	SYCH	Ithaca, NY

May

Date	Meet	Host	Location
6	SNOW SC Spring Classic	SNOW	Claude Moore
7-8	SNOW LC Spring Classic	SNOW	Claude Moore
7-8	LC Derby Meet	FISH	GMU
12-15	Arena Pro Swim Series (LCM)		Charlotte
13-15	Spring LC Classic	RMSC	KSAC
14-15	Mini Olympics	MACH	Madeira
27-29	Virginia State LC Championships	PM	Oak Marr



BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT GOES TO THE SWIMMER!

Call what you see and see what you call

