

Admin Chair Report – 12/18/12

2012-13 Schedule Sanctioned/Approved Meets Status

- Total number of Sanctioned and Approved meet packets submitted so far is 45. (37 Sanctioned, 8 Approved)
- To date status of these meets is:
 - o Sanctioned = 33
 - o Approved = 8
 - o Working On = 3
 - o One meet was cancelled due to lack of meet ref after sanction process initiated.

Newly Required Meet Announcement Statement – Deck Changing Prohibited

At the Fall HOD meeting, the House voted to prohibit deck changes at NJS Sanctioned and Approved meets. Hence, all such meets processed since that time contain the following statement:

“Except where venue facilities require otherwise, changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is not appropriate and is strongly prohibited.”

CDC Proposed New Pool Code – Air Quality & Pool Depth for Starting Blocks

I have not heard anything about the current status of this issue from USA Swimming.

NJS P&P Changes:

I submitted P&P change requests to:

- 1) Clarify that NJS will permit pre-seeded meets to be Sanctioned and Approved when such a format is deemed appropriate by the meet host and sanctioning chair.
- 2) Update a reference to the USA Swimming Rule# which has changed.

Except of Letter from Bill Marlin Regarding CDC Pool Code Proposal

“Hello Eastern Zone Coaches and BOD Members.

...The reason for my e-mail is that I was at the USA Swimming National Convention this past week and Mick Nelson (from USA Swimming Build a Pool Dept) informed us that the CDC is proposing new health codes for aquatic facilities. As part of the proposal they are proposing new air quality standards for swimming pools (which is a good thing so maybe we all won't have cancer in the next 20 years) but also new minimum depth requirements for using starting blocks at swim meets / practices.

In section **4.8.3.3** in the CDC new proposed codes... The proposed minimum water depth for use of starting blocks in swimming competition will be 2.0 meters (6.7 feet). Currently the minimum depth to use blocks in competition is 4.0 feet and according to Risk Management Services, there have been no bottom strikes since going to this depth. According to Mick, we lost over 1,100 pools in the country last season. Going to the new proposed depth will cause even more pools to go off line and be unusable for swim meets. If these new minimum depth requirements are passed, many of our existing pools will be useless for holding swim meets without major costly renovation.

Please take a few moments and provide some feedback to the CDC on these two issues. Tell them that the new air quality standards are a good thing but the minimum depth requirement is not. Public comment is only open for a few more weeks so do it today!!

Search Model Aquatic Health Code on Google and click onto the link for CDC model aquatic health code. Provide public feedback against this proposed new minimum pool depth requirement for using starting blocks!

Here is the link: <http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/swimming/pools/mahc/>

Here is the link to submit Public Comment:

<http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/swimming/pools/mahc/structure-content/index.html#submit>

Download the on-line form and or print it off and mail it in.

The module name is: **Facility Design & Construction**

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Go Eastern Zone!!”