

Admin Chair HOD Report – 9/28/12

2011-12 Schedule Sanctioned/Approved Meets Recap

- Total number of Sanctioned & Approved meets processed was 84 (Winter season=55, Summer season=29)
- Meet type breakdown:
 - o Sanctioned = 71
 - o Approved = 12
 - o Open Water = 1

2012-13 Schedule Sanctioned/Approved Meets Status

- Total number of Sanctioned and Approved meet packets submitted so far is 19. (13 Sanctioned, 6 Approved)
- To date status of these meets is:
 - o Sanctioned = 10
 - o Approved = 4
 - o Working On = 5 (3 Sanctioned, 2 Approved)

Open Water Events

- NJ Swimming has now issued its first Open Water event sanction.
- The Open Water Committee is up and running – working on getting policies in place, officials up to speed, and developing a pool of Independent Safety Monitors to use in the future.

Newly Required Meet Announcement Statement – Deck Changing Discouraged

USA Swimming will now require the following statement to be included in all Sanctioned and Approved meet announcements:

“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 discouraged.”

- Note that individual LSC's or host clubs may opt to replace the words *“strongly discouraged”* with the word *“prohibited”*.

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

- The CDC has proposed a new pool code which would require a minimum depth of TWO (2) meters for the use of starting blocks.
- This would impact the use of facilities such as Rutgers University, Bayonne Lincoln School, TCNJ, SHY, GCIT and other facilities now being used for your dual meets.
- Public input is now being sought on the proposal, and it is highly recommended that each and every one of you look into this and give your input to the CDC. (Please refer to the letter on the next page for details on how to proceed.)

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!!”