

Safety Coordinator Report

January 14, 2007

Incident Reports of Occurrence

I have received 5 Reports of occurrence since the last Safety Coordinator report. All appeared to be minor slip/trip and falls. No additional reports were filed.

Emergency Action Plan (EAP) Documentation

Thanks to Don and Brandon, I have received the EAP's for many of the meets they have sanctioned. They have asked of the host club that the EAP's be forwarded to me for review via e-mail, during the sanctioning process.

EAP Development

A great deal of emphasis is placed on responding to incidents if they occur. Little is placed on a practice of preventing injuries. While it is nearly impossible to prevent all the injuries, especially given the ages/activeness of the swimmers, we do not document what we do to make the environments safe to begin with. This is not to say that our clubs do not practice injury prevention, but simply that it is not documented as to the measures each club takes to provide safety through prevention. At bare minimum, the host club's Safety Marshall should have a check list that begins and ends with a thorough walk through of the venue. Please refer to Michigan Swimming Website> Administration> Safety Information> Emergency Planning for more information. We currently post it as guidelines.

Consistency in EAP development

While the main point of the EAP is in place, most of the EAP's do not follow a designed format. Please let me know what you think about both developing a standard form/document and tying it's completeness to the meet sanction approval process. Please note that a measure would likely make our clubs more accountable for the actions they take (or don't take) to provide a safe environment for swim competition. What would be some of the concerns be if such a document was created and meet sanctioning tied to it?

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