

Michigan Swimming

FORM FOR PROPOSED NEW RULE OR PROCEDURE

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This form should be submitted a minimum of 20 days prior to the Board of Directors Meeting to be acted upon at that meeting. (Copies of all proposed legislation will be sent to all Board Members for their consideration, recommendation and possible Approval.) This form can also be used to submit Rule and Procedure proposals at the House of Delegates.

Date Submitted: August 13, 2013

Date of Board Meeting to be discussed: September 22, 2013 – House of Delegates

Affected Rule or Procedure

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Description of Issue: (include copy of rule that is being modified, if applicable)

1. Amend rule in order to account for foreign coaches. 2. Working with facilities that are outdoors where the restroom and locker room are used by both athletes and spectators. 3. Remove requirement that the credential have the function of the individual being granted access to the pool deck. 4. Credential is not the USA swimming registration card. 5. Remove fine amount and replace with Board of Review investigation and determination of penalty.

W. Deck Personnel

Only registered and current coaches, athletes, officials and meet personnel are allowed on deck or in locker rooms. Access to the pool deck may only be granted to any other individual in the event of emergency through approval by the Meet Director or Meet Referee. The General Chair of MS and the Program Operation Vice-Chair of MS are authorized deck personnel at all MS sanctioned meets. Personal assistants/helpers of disability athletes should be permitted when requested by a disability athlete or coach of disability athletes.

Lists are to be developed by the team meet host of approved coaches (from MS Office), officials (from Meet Referee) and meet personnel (Meet Director) to be placed outside the access point (hallway, stairway, etc.) to the locker rooms/pool deck. Safety Marshals will check the list of approved individuals and issue a credential to be worn during the meet. Credentials should include the host team logo and or name as well as the function of the individual being granted access to the pool deck (Coach, Official, Timer, Meet Personnel). Coaches and Officials must be current in all certifications through the final date of the meet. Meet personnel should return the credential at the conclusion of working each day and be reissued a credential daily.

All other access points to the pool deck should be locked to restrict access (maintaining fire code standards) or a safety marshal should be present to check credentials. Any access points to the pool deck or locker rooms should be staffed and credentials checked throughout the duration of the meet.

Meet Directors and Meet Referees should work with facilities used for both the meet event and regular patronage in order to maintain the above procedures.
This rule does apply to all sanctioned and approved meets.

Any host team found in violation of this rule will be fined \$500 payable to Michigan Swimming.

This fee must be paid to Michigan Swimming before any further meets are sanctioned for the meet host.

*Requested New Rule or Procedure:
Use separate page(s) if necessary*

W. Deck Personnel

When competition takes place at an indoor venue, only registered and current coaches, registered athletes, officials and meet personnel (defined as: timers, hospitality, meet management, safety officers – does not include coaches, officials or athletes) are allowed on deck or in locker rooms. Access to the pool deck may only be granted to any other individual in the event of emergency or for any other purpose through approval by the Meet Director or Meet Referee. The General Chair of MS and the Program Operation Vice-Chair of MS are authorized deck personnel at all MS sanctioned meets. Personal assistants/helpers of disability athletes should be permitted when requested by a disability athlete or coach of disability athletes.

Lists are to be printed by the team meet host of approved coaches (from MS Office), officials (from Meet Referee) and meet personnel (Meet Director) to be placed outside the access point approved individuals and issue a credential to be worn during the meet. This credential is not the USA registration card and should include the host team logo and/or name. Coaches and Officials must be current in all certifications through the final date of the meet. Non-USA Swimming Coaches must be in good standing in their home country swimming organization. A letter should be sent to the Michigan Swimming Office from the home country swimming organization stating that the coach is in good standing. The Michigan Swimming Office will send an addendum to the approved coaches list to the meet host stating that these coaches be granted deck access. Members of Swim Canada are exempt from the letter requirement and should be included in the approved list.

All access points to the pool deck should restrict access for entry (maintaining fire code standards for exit) or a member of meet personnel should be present to check credentials. Any access points to the pool deck or locker rooms should be staffed and credentials checked throughout the duration of the meet.

Meet Directors and Meet Referees should work with facilities used for both the meet event and regular patronage in order to maintain the above procedures.

For competitions that are conducted outdoors and the pool deck is accessible and occupied by spectators, the credential rule need not apply. However, necessary

provisions should be taken to separate the locker room and shower area used by athletes from the bathroom facilities used by spectators.

This rule does apply to all sanctioned and approved meets.

Any violation of this rule should be reported by any athlete, coach, meet personnel or spectator to the Safe Sport Coordinator who may file a formal complaint to the Board of Review. The Board of Review will determine the validity of the complaint and penalty for any violations to this rule which can include up to a \$500 fine or loss of right to host sanctioned and approved competitions.

Proposed Effective Date: *September 22, 2013*

Proposed by (must be a current member): ADAM HOPKINS

Club: UN

Board Action: _____ (Adopted by Board) _____ (Adopted by Board with modification) _____ (Board recommends rejection) _____ (Board recommends referral to House of Delegates)