

Michigan Swimming

FORM FOR PROPOSED NEW RULE OR PROCEDURE

Revised 4/10

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

(current page #, or n/a): Page 68 – Safety at Swim Meets

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

If legislation is passed to have EAP submitted with registration/renewal and sanctioning process, there is no need for any language in this section.

SAFETY AT SWIM MEETS

Meet hosts are required to designate safety marshals who are responsible for supervising the pool area and enforcing warm-up procedures. If necessary, marshals may also be asked to patrol locker room areas. Marshals should take immediate action if they observe unsafe practices or behaviors (for example, running on the deck, pushing and shoving, smoking, playing in the showers), or if they observe violations of the warm-up procedures (for example, entering at the turn end of the pool, jumping or diving into the pool). Usually a short discussion with the offender(s) will be sufficient to solve a problem; however, if necessary, the marshal may refer the situation to the meet referee for appropriate action. Note that the meet referee is the only official authorized to disqualify individuals for violations of safety rules.

At MS meets, the meet referee shall appoint at least one certified official to help supervise premeet warm-up sessions. The host club shall appoint at least one marshal and at least one assistant for short course meets, and at least one marshal and three assistants for long course meets, to supervise the pre-meet warm-up sessions. The host club shall also appoint at least one marshal to supervise warm-up facilities available during the meet. Marshals should wear the orange vests provided by MS. If those vests are unavailable, marshals should be identified by a badge or other form of identification. All MS Clubs are required to file with the MS Safe Sport Coordinator a comprehensive Emergency Action Plan for all pools/venues that the MS Club uses during the year for any purpose – including practices and the hosting of meets. These EAPs should satisfy all criteria under Emergency Planning (Meet Director's Workshop, Michigan Swimming, September 22, 2000) as published on the MS website. A MS Club is free to use any existing EAP issued by the facility (e.g. high school, college, etc.), however, when using an existing EAP from a facility, be sure to supplement the EAP as needed for USA / MS Swimming purposes. MS Clubs are required to file these EAPs with the MS Safe Sport Coordinator by December 31 of each calendar year.

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

Elimination of paragraph about EAP:

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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)**