

2006 EVENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The efforts of our conscientious meet managers; volunteers, nationally and locally; scoring personnel; judges and officials; national office staff; and technical vice president Carole Mitchell contributed to the success of the 2006 national events. Our dedicated volunteers committed endless hours to long meets in often "hot" environments. Once again, a tremendous amount of collaborative action was evident during the 2006 season.

9/13/06 – Committee meeting Wrap-up

- The meet manager's guide was discussed and it was recommended that this guide be updated. Jill Ranucci will undertake the revision operations with the help of former meet managers.
- Meet dates that prohibit officials from attending back-to-back meets need to be coordinated with the sub-committees that are involved; sites, collegiate, national team, etc. In particular it was suggested that the National Collegiate Championships and the Junior National Championships be separated by a reasonable amount of days to encourage officials' attendance at both events.
- The announcement of athletes' names during meets was suggested as follows: During Preliminary Events prior to the swim, team number will be announced, following the swim athlete names and team name will be announced. During Final Events prior to the swim, team number and team name will be announced; following the swim the athlete names and team name will be announced.
- Meet event time schedules were discussed and it was suggested that schedules be more carefully scrutinized depending on environmental conditions and meet circumstances.
- Lap swim issues were discussed in reference to athletes neglecting rules regarding practicing routines in "lap swim only" areas. It was suggested that some form of sanctions be applied (possibly monetary) to help re-direct appropriate activity.
- Environmental conditions to make the meet more comfortable for swimmers, officials and spectators needs to be addressed by the meet manager and solutions assisted by office staff.
- Safety during walkouts needs to be addressed and possible sponsor rugs can be provided with national office staff assistance.
- Lastly, quality sound equipment back-up MUST be available at all national events!

The cooperative efforts of our national and local staff, event management committee, and volunteers will continue for the next season to assure the highest quality meets for our athletes. Continuing education and training is

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essential. It has been a pleasure, privilege and honor to serve USSS the past year as the chair of the Event Management committee. I would like to thank Jackie McDaniel, Dave Scoons, Joanna Scoons, Ed Kaminski, Joan McCord, Shannon Korpela, Ginny Chadwick, Poppy Carlig, Anna Swenson, Emma Miller, Bob Wiegand, Monte Johnson and Beth Moore for their continued dedication while serving on the Event Management committee and/or facilitating our national meets.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Ranucci, Event Management Committee Chair