

Referee Guide

The attitude manifests in the Referee's efforts to ensure that all other officials, swimmers, and coaches can perform their respective tasks to their highest potential within the meet and the sport of swimming.

- Referees shall ensure the integrity of the sport and the profession of officiating.
- Referees shall conduct themselves with dignity and good humor while ensuring fair and equitable conditions for the competition.
- Referees shall remain impartial while sustaining positive relationships and building trust in the swim community.
- Referees shall maintain a current understanding of the rules and their application.
- Referees are the primary leaders and educators for new and experienced officials.
- Referees shall familiarize and test sound equipment before the meet
- Referees shall have full authority over all officials and shall assign and instruct them
- Referees shall enforce all applicable rules and shall decide all questions relating to the actual conduct of the meet.
- Referees shall overrule any meet official on the point of rule interpretation or on a judgment decision pertaining to an action which the Referee has personally observed.
- Referees shall also disqualify a swimmer(s) for any violations of the rules that the Referee personally observes and shall at the same time raise one hand overhead with an open palm. There shall be no penalty if the Referee does not make such a hand signal.
- Referees shall give a decision at any point where the judges' opinions differ; shall have the authority to intercede in a competition at any stage to ensure that the racing conditions are observed.
- When automatic or semiautomatic officiating equipment is used and an apparent malfunction occurs, it shall be the Referee's responsibility to make an immediate investigation to determine whether the swimmer finished in accordance with the rules and/or if there was an actual equipment malfunction.
- Referee may modify any rule for a competitive swimmer who has a disability, according to the NFHS rules.
- Protests against judgment decisions of starters, stroke, turn, place, and relay takeoff judges can only be considered by the Referee of the meet, and the Referee's decision shall be final.

Benefit always goes to the swimmer!!

Official's Attire:

- Men: Blue slacks (no jeans), shorts, and a white polo shirt. No T-Shirts.
- Women: Blue skirt, slacks (no jeans), capris or shorts with a white blouse or polo shirt.
- No Tank -Tops.
- No Flip Flops or open-toe shoes.
- Every official must wear their PJSL badge.
- Officials should look "official" (if appropriately dressed).