

## Referee Roundtable

UPDATED FOR THE 2023 SEASON

### Agenda

- Referee Role and Qualities
- Meet Cover Sheet
- Rules and Recommendations
- Communication (Facebook)
- Discussion of Best Practices



The Referee's primary role is to ensure that the meet is contested fairly.

#### Qualities of an Effective Referee

Confident Calm Knowledgeable Fair ExperiencedPreparedAlertCommunicatorProactive Experienced Delegator Multi-tasker **Good Attitude Professional** 

### Information to put on the Meet Cover Sheet

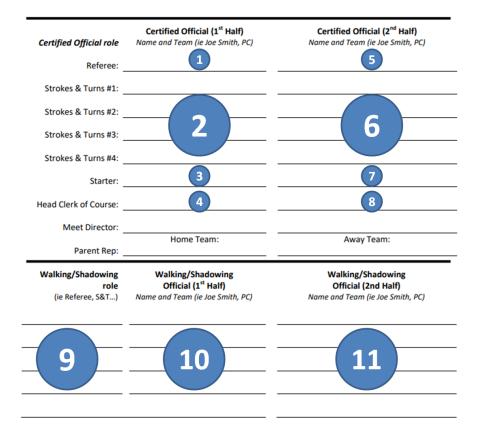
- Division
- Meet # (1 6)
- Meet Date
- Meet Start Time
- Time Event 44 begins (don't forget to note this)
- Meet workers & walkers (this is how people get credit!)

- Meet Completion Time
- Checkbox for Weather Delay
- ► Teams competing
- Meet Location
- Pool Measurement (Yards or Meters)

# NEW IN 2023: REFEREES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS NOT COMPUTER REPS!

#### Recording Officials on Cover Sheet

- For most part: should be selfexplanatory
- Nuances for Strokes & Turns:
  - Any walks prior to final walk, the S&T Trainee goes in section 10 or 11
  - For the final "shadowed walk" the S&T judge is actually the judge of record. His/her name goes in section 2 or 6
  - The experienced "shadow" goes in section 10 or 11
  - Ultimately, GRAL needs to know that it is the trainee's final walk and who shadowed him/her



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#### **Rules & Recommendations**

#### COVID rules no longer apply

- Separate referee and starter
- 4 stroke and turn judges
- 3 timers per lane
- Dual confirmation of relays recommended
- Taping allowed with Dr's note in regular season; none @ Champs
- Backstroke turns same as VHSL (but no sculling back to wall)
- Backstroke flags used as 15 m marks; called made by turn end officials
- No cell Phone or other pictures behind the blocks
- Swim shirts require a special needs exemption
- New USA Swimming rules
  - Ex. backstroke; breaststroke; "take your <u>marks</u>"

## GRAL Officials Facebook Group

- GRAL has a Facebook group for officials!
- All GRAL officials, trainees and coaches are invited and encouraged to participate
- Group discussion can include:
  - Questions on rules or rule interpretations
  - Share lessons learned and observations
- Intent is to promote consistency among GRAL officials
- Discussion on FB group does not constitute official guidance on rules
- ► To join:
  - Search Facebook for the group
  - Answer the questions to join including your position S&T, Ref, etc.
  - Please share with other officials at your club
  - Non-officials will not be accepted (e.g. parents, club board members, etc.). This is just for officials

#### Best Practices, Comments, Questions

We want to hear from you