

The Administrative Review Board promulgates the following rule:

PACIFIC SWIMMING RULES AND REGULATIONS, Section 4.A.3:

g. “The Meet Referee shall oversee the entire swim meet and shall ensure that all rules and regulations are followed. The Meet Referee shall make the final decisions on any procedure, modification, dispute, or protest for a fair and equitable competition.”

(re-letter subsequent bullets as appropriate)

Effective for meet announcements whose sanction is issued after April 16, 2025.

Decided by majority vote of the Administrative Review Board on Thursday, March 6, 2025.

No dissenting views requested to be recorded.

Background:

PACIFIC SWIMMING BYLAWS, Article 13.3.2 (Rule Making Powers):

The Administrative Review Board shall have the power and the duty to promulgate reasonable rules and procedures consistent with the corporation laws of Pacific Swimming with respect to any matter within its jurisdiction or appropriate, necessary or helpful in the administration and conduct of its affairs. Such rules and procedures shall have the same force and effect as if they had been adopted as part of these Bylaws.

The Administrative Review Board determined: that adding this rule to Pacific Swimming meet announcements is appropriate and helpful in the administration and conduct of Pacific Swimming sanctioned swim competitions.

The Administrative Review Board determined: that it is appropriate for this rule to be stated in all Pacific Swimming meet announcements (under the “Rules” section).

This rule is derived from the 2025 USA SWIMMING RULES AND REGULATIONS (Glossary):

MEET REFEREE (POOL COMPETITION) — an experienced referee who oversees the entire swim meet and ensures that all rules and regulations are followed by making final decisions on any procedure, modification, dispute, or protest for a fair and equitable competition.

Consistent with current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, this rule confirms the Meet Referee’s oversight and decision making roles for fair and equitable competition.

Furthermore, the Administrative Review Board clarifies:

The “entire swim meet” includes the entry and registration process, for which the Administrative Official is responsible for supervising to the Referee (Article 102.14.1A).

Therefore, the Meet Referee makes the final decisions on the procedure, modification, or dispute to the entry and registration process.