

Rules for Lane Malfunction Timing Adjustment – May 1, 2016

Beginning May 1, 2016, the USA Swimming rules for timing adjustments due to a lane malfunction change to the following:

102.24.4D Adjustment for Malfunction on a Lane — When a malfunction is confirmed on a lane, the back-up times for that lane shall be calculated in accordance with 102.24.4B and integrated with the accurate primary times in establishing the official time and determining the results.

With the adoption of this rule, timing adjustments will no longer require complicated calculations for lane malfunctions. The backup time, as determined by 102.24.4B, will be the official time. ***While the procedure for determining the official time has simplified, it remains the responsibility of the Administrative Official to determine if the primary time is valid.*** Note, the procedures to adjust times due to a heat malfunction (102.24.4D in the 2016 rulebook) have **NOT** changed.

Beginning May 1, Meet Manager (MM) must be configured to accommodate this change. **Administrative Officials/Referees** should confirm the proper setting for each meet. Below are a set of Hy-tek Meet Manager configuration instructions provided by USA Swimming:

Hy-tek:

Meet Manager Version MM6.0:

In MM 6 (Version 6.0), the setting is found on the Meet Set-up screen. From the main screen, choose **Set-up | Meet Set-up**. In the lower right corner, select **FINA rules** as the **Timing Adjustment Method**. After May 1, Hy-tek will be updating the setting to read (1) FINA/USA Swimming rules or (2) other rules to eliminate confusion.

Meet Manger Version 5.0 and Older:

Those using an older version of MM should go into the Run menu and click on Preferences/Backup times and (with meets that start on May 1st or later) put a dot next to the option: **Do not use average differential between pads and backups to adjust times (FINA).**

Please be aware that the default when opening Meet Setup in Hy-tek is (2) USA rules prior to May 1st so this must be changed to (1) FINA rules.

Administrative Officials and Meet Referees please double verify that the proper settings are used for meets starting May 1, 2016 or later.

If anyone has questions about the rule changes or Meet Manager set-up, please contact Daris Bright, contact information is below:

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