**New Jersey Swimming Officials Committee**

**Proposed Meet Invitation Wording for Dealing with No-Shows**

Below are two proposed statements, one of which should go in each Meet Invitation. Host clubs may make minor modifications to fit the particular meet, as long as the modifications are spelled out in the Meet Invitation.

**Option 1 – Accommodate the swimmer where possible:**

No penalty will be incurred for an unscratched swimmer who fails to report to the starting blocks for his/her scheduled event. However, the event will be counted toward the swimmer’s maximum allowable swims for that day. The swimmer may be allowed to swim the event in a later heat or a subsequent event if the swimmer is at the starting end of the pool, ready to swim, and an open lane is available. However, the host club will not schedule an additional heat to accommodate the swimmer.

**Option 2 – No Accommodation:**

No penalty will be incurred for an unscratched swimmer who fails to report to the starting blocks for his/her scheduled event. However, the event will be counted toward the swimmer’s maximum allowable swims for that day. The swimmer may not swim in a later heat, nor will the host club schedule an additional heat to accommodate the swimmer.