



Referees Safety Checklist

• Note, Locate, Resolve

- Locate nearest exits
- Locate and meet facility Manager and Safety Staff leader
- Check Emergency Action Plan
- Locate first aid equipment, check contents
- Is the pool chemical balance and temperature OK?
- Locate emergency call phone and **numbers**
- Locate: backboard, blood spill equipment and AED
- Ambulance - on campus or external? Directions to the pool available?
- Note dangerous areas including loose cords or electric wires - resolve
- Forms** – Are Report of Occurrence forms available?

• 911 and Lightning Protocols Learn - Convey to coaches, officials

- Who monitors lightning? Are there "Safe" areas?

• Marshals

- How many? Is coverage adequate? Distinctively dressed?
- Do they understand their function?

• Are medically trained personnel at the meet?

- Ask, Introduce yourself

• Pool and Equipment

- Blocks: stable? not slippery?
 - handgrips safe? sharp edges?
- Is pool deep enough to use starting platforms?
- Is diving board blocked off, and not hazardous?
- Are the lane lines safe? loose wires, stable anchors.
- Are ladders safe?
- Is training equipment out of the way?
- Is the deck too slippery?
- Are there any open pole or starting block holes?
- Are there any sharp pool deck tiles?
- Touch Pad and Anchors: sharp edges, projections
- Consider accommodations for swimmers with disabilities
- Is there sufficient gathering area behind the blocks?
- Are Spectators separated from Meet Operation areas?
- Can Officials operate safely and without interference?
- Shade, Hydration and Chairs for Officials and Timers.
- Warmup Pool – don't forget all of above that's applicable.

Don't hesitate to stop the meet and resolve any safety issues anywhere in the venue!