

## **Safety Coordinator Report July 16,2006**

### Incident Reports of Occurrence

I received incident reports from both the JAWS invitational 6/16-18/06 and the Kalamazoo Invitational 6/23-25/06.

A. The Jenison report was filed on June 17 with a minor cut from the side of the pool during warm-ups, pool staff investigated and found some broken tile on wall. Believed to have resolved. Possibly damaged moving bulkhead. Swimmer was able to return to competition that day.

B. The first of two reports in Kalamazoo was filed on June 23, swimmer hit wall on Backstroke turn performed late and into wall. Swimmer hit nose on wall, paid a visit to hospital and was able to continue swims the next day.

C. The Second report in Kalamazoo, also on the 23rd, was more serious. Swimmer was cheering for fellow teammate during swim and ran face first into fixed lifeguard stand on pool deck, breaking nose. Follow up has been easy with it being one of my swimmers. One surgery has been performed and another is pending to repair injuries. Swimmer was not, and has not, returned to competition. Measures were taken by meet officials to remind swimmers, spectators and coaches of the hazardous lifeguard stands. Not much more could be done. They have not yet been contacted by Risk Management or USA swimming regarding the aftercare. Scott Appleyard said he sent the paperwork on to them. I will follow-up with them on Monday, July 17.

### Report of Occurrence form

I would like to request that the form be revised to list myself as the recipient of the reports. Currently still shows Dave Lubinski.

### Over -the-Water Starts

I have traded e-mails with Dan Meconis regarding the Over-the-water Starts, while as a coach at many long meets, I do support the practice, I did voice my concerns over the younger swimmers, especially those with poor starts (drop in vs. dive in). Should the practice of over-the -water starts be adopted, I'd like to be sure we agree on how we'd like coaches to teach their kids to "locate themselves" accordingly. If we all agree on a common policy, kids are less likely to experience an incident.

### Feedback Wanted

After looking for people in a new area who can update coaches certifications, I was wondering if it might benefit all to have a common date and location (s) for recertifying. Has anyone checked on this before? Would coaches be interested if a scheduled certification date and location could be made available to them. Easier to control for Michigan Swimming, proper credentials could be managed, and the schedule could be done around the meet schedules to allow attendance to be high and coaches to participate.

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