

August 8, 2006

The attached complaint was registered with the Programs Ops office of Michigan Swimming on July 23. Three factors have been considered when arriving at the recommendation.

First, when accessing the Meet Manger backup the interval was adjusted to 15 seconds not the recommended 30 seconds, even with this adjustment sessions 3 and 5 were well over the 4 hour limit. Meaning this meet was over subscribed from the start. A correction could have been made prior to the start of the meet. Teams not able to enter this meet had another option within the state for one last qualifying swim and could have been directed to the other meet as they have been in the past.

Second, due to this past winter's "crack down" on the 4 hour rules violation by other clubs in the state it is of the up-most importance that Michigan Swimming be consistent in enforcing this rule and the penalties that go along with it.

Third, clubs must understand that while it is important to "make money" in the operation of swim meets there is a reason for such rules. While Ann Arbor, Meet management and the Officials did a very good job dealing with the number of swims it still creates a negative experience for "newbie's". Also that a club "over subscribing" a meet potentially takes away income from other meets being held at the same time.

It is the recommendation of this Office that Ann Arbor be fined \$500 apiece for the 4 hour rules violation of sessions 3 and 5. They will receive the one session allowance for session 2 which was also over. Resulting in a total of \$1000.

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Subject: 4 Hour Rule Violation at CW (AASC) Meet
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I would like to file a complaint with Michigan Swimming about the 4 Hour Rule violations at the CW (AASC) Invitational held on July 21-23, 2006.

Three out of five sessions were over the time limit, two sessions by a significant amount. All sessions started on time. Session 2 (Sat AM Open events) started at 8:45 am and finished at 1:12 pm. Session 3 (Sat PM 12&U events) started at 2:00 pm and finished at 7:25 pm. Session 5 (Sun PM 12&U events) started at 2:00 pm and finished at 6:55 pm. The warm-ups between session 2 & 3 were also shortened to start session 3 on time. Over water starts were used at all sessions.

I would like to point out that the afternoon sessions had no qualifying times for entries, essentially making them ABC events. The time lines I saw were run at either 10 or 15 seconds.

I would like to commend Chuck Krochmal (Deck Referee) and Pat Lilley (Meet Referee) for the tremendous job they did in moving the meet along at a 10-15 second heat interval.

The meet ran very smoothly and the CW volunteers did a great job dealing with the adversity. However, the meet was grossly oversubscribed. I noticed numerous swimmers chose to Declare False Start to the Meet Referee for sessions 3 and 5. Most likely because of how long the meet was running. I would suggest that refunds be offered to those clubs.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or e-mail me. I will also make every effort to attend the next Board Meeting to answer any questions prior to vote on sanctions.

Thank you for your time!

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