

## **YMCA Short Course Swimming Championships**

### **Awards Procedures**

With the change in the awards procedures to now present awards immediately after the completion of the individual event, the following procedures will be put in effect to assure that the proper times and orders of finish have been obtained. Where there is any question concerning the final order of finish and the related times, the awards for the heat in question will be deferred until the end of the individual events for the evening, but before the relays.

Upon the completion of a heat, the Meet Administrative Referee will quickly review the printout of the results and obtain the order of finish as recorded by the Place Judges:

If no apparent differences between the pads and the buttons are reported, and the overall times look reasonable in relation to the seed times, or

If minor differences are reported between the pads and the buttons, but the Place Judges confirm the order of finish of the pads

Then, the Meet Administrative Referee will immediately inform the Meet Referee, the Deck Administrative Referee, the Announcer and the Awards Coordinator that the results are final and the awarding of medals or ribbons for that heat can proceed as scheduled.

On the other hand:

If there is evidence of a major timing system error (e.g., the system started late or no pad times were obtained at all), or

If there is a system failure for a single lane (e.g., no pad time), or

If there is a potential disqualification in the heat, for which a coach could reasonably be expected to request clarification, at a minimum, or

If there is a major time discrepancy between one or more pad times and button times, and the order of finish of the Place Judges differs from that of the timing system

Then the Meet Administrative Referee will immediately inform the Meet Referee, the Deck Administrative Referee, the Announcer and the Awards Coordinator that the awarding of medals and ribbons for that heat will be delayed until the end of the individual events. The Awards Coordinator will then immediately inform the swimmers in question of the delay and release them to go to the warm-down pool and warm down.

In all cases, the decision as to whether to proceed with the awards will be the sole responsibility of the Meet Administrative Referee, and he/she can delay the awards for any heat if he/she has concerns as to the quality of the times or order of finish. The Meet Administrative Referee will always err on the side of caution, as the worst thing that could happen would be to give the awards and then have to go back and revise the results.