

Splash Times

Editor's Note: Joab Temotio worked the Rowdy Gaines Masters Classic in Orlando the same weekend that Christina Carson served at the Hydro Winter Open in Ormond Beach. Both were asked to give a brief recount of their experience and to offer insights that might benefit us all.

JOAB TEMOTIO – GEN 7 CONSOLE OPERATION

It was my second time working at the RGMC with Scott, and also only my second time using Gen 7. Although Gen 7 is pretty straightforward, every facility has its quirks. We struggled a bit to get things rolling because we couldn't remember all the steps to get everything connected and ready to go. Since we were running late and wanted to start things ASAP, we ended up overlooking a couple of very simple configuration settings on Gen 7. That caused us to miss good times for a couple of races.

My advice: Even if things are chaotic and people start to get impatient, keep your cool; it's not the end of the world. Take your time and check every setting to make sure everything looks the way it should. It's better to start a few minutes late than to keep running into issues in the middle of the meet.

Once we got things going, everything was smooth until we hit the 25's. For some reason, the pads on the opposite end weren't working. We managed to figure it out, but it took a bit of time, and we almost had to resort to using stopwatches. We definitely would've caught it earlier if we'd done a pre-meet test start for the 25's.

One more piece of advice: If you're ever running a meet where swimmers finish on different ends of the pool, it doesn't hurt to do a few test starts and check finishes at both ends. Test everything until you feel confident you're ready to roll.

CHRISTINA CARSON – SENIOR ADMIN OFFICIAL

Here are six situations our team had to work through in a timely manner. This was the first time I was a senior AO at a timed finals meet.

On Friday, we needed a maintenance person from the YMCA with tools to help us open a panel in the roof to access a cable we needed for the timing system and scoreboard to communicate.

Meet Mobile was not loading to the app. After some investigating, the Meet Director was able to provide the correct information to MM to upload the results at the conclusion of Friday's session.

A coach requested an event change for a swimmer from the 400-yard IM to the 500-yard freestyle. I spoke with the Meet Referee and made this accommodation. However, because I did this, I had to do it for everyone for the remainder of the meet.

A coach requested a review of two swimmers' times in the women's 500- yard freestyle. Upon reviewing the pads, it appeared the pads were missing touches. (I cannot remember if the buttons were activated.) After consulting with the Meet Referee, I scored the event for these swimmers with the recorded watch times.

A last-minute request for a 50-yard split occurred during the Sunday morning session. The swimmer did not make the time standard, and I did not record the time in MM. I should have prepared an event in MM and recorded the time immediately.

An accommodation request for a young hearing-impaired swimmer came to my attention prior to our 10 & Under session on Sunday. After locating the Referee, we were able to accommodate the request.