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RELAY TAKEOFF PROTOCOL

Purpose: All swimmers should experience the same relay takeoff protocol from all EMSOA Officials.

It appears that there is a movement at NFHS to have dual confirmation for all relays both championship (Rule 4-6-4), and all other meets. (Rule 4-6-2,3,5d)

Rule 4-6-5a,b, & c make reference to judges INDEPENDENTLY making calls on relay take-offs on each side of the pool. But 4-6-5d states, “dual confirmation is recommended.”

It is the position of EMSOA that we will follow the movement of the NFHS. We will be in position to dual confirm all relay takeoffs as suggested in Rule 4-6-2,4-6-3 & 4-6-5d.

While in the dual confirmation position for relays, you should have some time to observe any stroke infractions that may occur as outlined in Rule 4-4-2a,b & c.

I can only speak for myself but from my experience, most stroke infractions occur at the start and turn ends of a pool during the Breast and Butterfly strokes. We are in good positions during dual confirmation, to call these infractions.