

## PMSL “Cardless” Dual Meet Referee

For the PMSL Referee, the changes for running a pre-seeded, cardless meet are very minor. And, most of those changes make your job easier.

Before the meet, you will receive a meet sheet containing the heat and lane assignments for the entire meet. Therefore, you will know not only the team, but also the name for any particular swimmer. This will make it easier when you need to deal with a problem or report a disqualification. You will also have the number of heats for all the events before the meet begins.

The Clerks-of-Course will have a limited authority during the meet to combine heats or move swimmers. The only changes that will be allowed are (1) if a heat ends up with a single swimmer due to no-shows, or (2) if now-shows results in the number of swimmers in an event to go from 7 or 8 to 6, or from 13 or 14 to 12. The clerks will report these changes directly to you so you can mark your meet sheet. They will also fill out a “Reseed Form” that the swimmer will take to the timers.

Before the meet, each team is allowed to substitute for up to four swimmers who are not at the meet. **In no case, can a team move a swimmer from one event to another.** They can only substitute a swimmer that is in fewer than three individual events, or a swimmer that was not in the original meet lineup.

One half hour before the start of the meet, the Referee will hold a “scratch meeting” where a coach or representative of each team will report their substitutions. A Clerk-of-Course and the Computer Operator will also attend the meeting. The teams are not required to report no-shows at this meeting, unless they are providing a substitute.

The timers will be recording the swimmers' times on “Timer Sheets” instead of cards. They are collected after each event, and not after each heat. This means that you can keep the pace of the meet a little quicker than before.