

FITNESS OF DUTY/SAFETY ON DECK

It is important that we always take a cautious approach when it comes to the safety of anyone on deck. We routinely remove swimmers from a meet when there are various medical related concerns, especially those related to concussion. Those guidelines need to be adhered to without fail.

In the interest of also protecting officials, and to limit the liability to USA Swimming, SCS, the host team and related government agencies, please follow the guidelines below when it relates to officials.

1. Any official who falls on deck and requires extended time off in order to ice his/her body, and/or to address medical concerns that affect their ability to work the deck, must be released from the meet.
2. Any official who experiences a medical emergency and/or has a medical professional, including an EMT, recommend the official be transported to the hospital for further evaluation, must be released from the meet. This is to be followed regardless of whether the individual accepts or refuses medical attention or direction.
3. Any official who has sustained an injury requiring him/her to use a cane, crutches, boot, scooter for the boot, etc...must first obtain a medical release from his/her doctor before being allowed on deck. The release must state whether or not the official has any restrictions and what those restrictions are, if any. It will then be up to the Meet Referee to determine whether or not the official can be used in some capacity that will not endanger the official or others. And, if the Meet Referee decides to use the official, additional paid officials should not be brought in to "cover" for the injured official, should the official need more time off deck than usual.
4. Any official who has a medical procedure that requires the official to use a cane, crutches, boot, scooter for the boot, etc...must first obtain a medical release from their doctor before being allowed on deck. The release must state whether or not the official has any restrictions and what those restrictions are, if any. It will then be up to the Meet Referee to determine whether or not the official can be used in some capacity that will not endanger the official or others. If the Meet Referee decides to use the official, additional paid officials should not be brought in to "cover" for the injured official, should the official need more time off deck than usual.

Failure to adhere to this policy may result in disciplinary actions that could include suspension. If any disciplinary action is necessary, the executive officials committee will create a recommendation based on the circumstances and submit the recommendation to the SCS Executive Board for approval.