

GULF SWIMMING
REFEREES SAFETY CHECKLIST
2011-2012

1. Overview: Talk to the host club meet director or safety officer to confirm:
 - a. Facility Evaluation used to point out areas of concern
 - b. Have these areas been properly indicated by signs?
 - c. Responsible person/coach sign-in sheet is being used
 - d. Marshals' assignments (number/location) and instructions
 - e. Availability of Report of Occurrence Forms
 - f. Warm-up procedures follow LSC rules
 - g. Verification that all swimmers are USA Swimming members
 - h. Has the communication center been established?

2. Venue - Walk through
 - a. Rest area
 - Supervision
 - Miscellaneous gym equipment is secured
 - b. Locker Rooms
 - Periodic Supervision
 - Wet areas (Caution/no running signs)
 - c. Seeding
 - Seeding (open ended bleachers)
 - Route to pool (lighting, stairs, etc.)
 - d. Pool Deck
 - Diving boards up and secure
 - Blocks secure and safe
 - Lane rope end covers in place
 - Lane obstructions (ladders out)
 - Deck obstructions (equipment, water polo nets, etc.)
 - Touch pads secure, leads to console covered
 - Bulkheads (sharp edges covered, edge gaps)

3. Safety Equipment - Observe
 - a. First Aid room or area assigned
 - b. First Aid Kit
 - c. Spinal Backboard (straps intact, etc.)

4. Pool Deck Restriction

The following statement shall be added to all Gulf sanctioned meet announcements:

"Because of USA Swimming Insurance Safety Regulations, the swimming pool deck, during the operation of all Gulf sanctioned swim meets, is closed to all persons except swimmers, coaches, marshals, officials, meet personnel, and timers. All registered non-athletes are required to display their current USA Swimming registration card. If you are asked to leave the deck by any registered personnel, please do so; it is for your safety."