

2019 Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving Rules Survey Report

QUANTITATIVE DATA

April 1, 2018

Title	n	N	%
DI HC Swim & Dive	126	210	60%
DII HC Swim & Dive	69	105	66%
DIII HC Swim & Dive	195	273	71%
TOTAL COACHES	390	588	66%
DI Commissioner	15	23	65%
DII Commissioner	4	9	44%
DIII Commissioner	14	31	45%
Official	662	1078	61%

Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the proposed recommendations.

1. To align with FINA and USA Swimming timing rules, in the event of a primary (automatic) timing system malfunction, the official backup time(s) shall be utilized, rather than adjusting the backup time as per current rule.

HEAD COACH	DI HC	DII HC	DIII HC	Overall
Support	87%	87%	78%	82%
No Support	3%	1%	4%	3%
No Opinion	10%	12%	19%	14%
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%

COMMISSIONER	DI	DII	DIII	Overall
Support	73%	75%	69%	72%
No Support	7%	0%	8%	6%
No Opinion	20%	25%	23%	22%
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%

OFFICIAL

Support	88%	584
No Support	5%	32
No Opinion	7%	44
TOTAL	100%	660

2. In dual meets, each team shall be allowed to take one five-minute timeout between events, at the discretion of the coach.

HEAD COACH	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	30%	38	51%	35	32%	63	35%	136
No Support	60%	76	48%	33	57%	110	56%	219
No Opinion	10%	12	1%	1	11%	21	9%	34
TOTAL	100%	126	100%	69	100%	194	100%	389

COMMISSIONER	DI		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	60%	9	50%	2	43%	6	52%	17
No Support	13%	2	25%	1	50%	7	30%	10
No Opinion	27%	4	25%	1	7%	1	18%	6
TOTAL	100%	15	100%	4	100%	14	100%	33

OFFICIAL

Support	34%	224
No Support	45%	295
No Opinion	21%	142
TOTAL	100%	661

3. The use of lap counters will no longer be required but encouraged

HEAD COACH	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	58%	73	51%	35	49%	96	52%	204
No Support	33%	42	39%	27	39%	76	37%	145
No Opinion	9%	11	10%	7	12%	23	11%	41
TOTAL	100%	126	100%	69	100%	195	100%	390

COMMISSIONER	DI		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	40%	6	25%	1	36%	5	36%	12
No Support	47%	7	50%	2	50%	7	48%	16
No Opinion	13%	2	25%	1	14%	2	15%	5
TOTAL	100%	15	100%	4	100%	14	100%	33

OFFICIAL

Support	56%	374
No Support	35%	234
No Opinion	8%	54
TOTAL	100%	662

4. Preliminary heats may be contested in a different number of lanes than final heats.

HEAD COACH	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	68%	86	65%	45	73%	143	70%	274
No Support	25%	32	13%	9	12%	24	17%	65
No Opinion	6%	8	22%	15	14%	28	13%	51
TOTAL	100%	126	100%	69	100%	195	100%	390

COMMISSIONER	DI		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	73%	11	75%	3	71%	10	73%	24
No Support	0%	0	0%	0	14%	2	6%	2
No Opinion	27%	4	25%	1	14%	2	21%	7
TOTAL	100%	15	100%	4	100%	14	100%	33

OFFICIAL

Support	66%	436
No Support	15%	102
No Opinion	18%	121
TOTAL	100%	659

5. A minimum of two officials is required (currently two officials are *recommended*) for dual, double-dual, triangular and quadrangular meets. A minimum of four officials is required (currently six officials are *recommended*) for championship meets.

HEAD COACH	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	75%	95	55%	38	60%	117	64%	250
No Support	18%	23	32%	22	32%	62	27%	107
No Opinion	6%	8	13%	9	8%	16	8%	33
TOTAL	100%	126	100%	69	100%	195	100%	390

COMMISSIONER	DI		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	87%	13	100%	4	71%	10	82%	27
No Support	0%	0	0%	0	21%	3	9%	3
No Opinion	13%	2	0%	0	7%	1	9%	3
TOTAL	100%	15	100%	4	100%	14	100%	33

OFFICIAL

Support	85%	562
No Support	13%	88
No Opinion	2%	12
TOTAL	100%	662

6. The use of video review may be completed after the completion of all women's and men's relays in a combined meet, as opposed to the current rule that it must be completed after the single gender relays, to help maintain the flow of the meet.

HEAD COACH	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	71%	89	61%	42	68%	132	68%	263
No Support	20%	25	17%	12	16%	30	17%	67
No Opinion	9%	11	22%	15	16%	31	15%	57
TOTAL	100%	125	100%	69	100%	193	100%	387

COMMISSIONER	DI		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	60%	9	50%	2	54%	7	56%	18
No Support	27%	4	0%	0	15%	2	19%	6
No Opinion	13%	2	50%	2	31%	4	25%	8
TOTAL	100%	15	100%	4	100%	13	100%	32

OFFICIAL		
Support	62%	408
No Support	20%	130
No Opinion	19%	123
TOTAL	100%	661

7. Swimmers and divers competing in a finals event must make an honest effort to complete the event with a time/score that reasonably replicates their preliminary time/score.

HEAD COACH	DI HC		DII HC		DIII HC		Overall	
Support	54%	68	62%	43	47%	92	52%	203
No Support	33%	41	26%	18	38%	74	34%	133
No Opinion	13%	17	12%	8	15%	29	14%	54
TOTAL	100%	126	100%	69	100%	195	100%	390

COMMISSIONER	DI		DII		DIII		Overall	
Support	60%	9	100%	4	79%	11	73%	24
No Support	13%	2	0%	0	14%	2	12%	4
No Opinion	27%	4	0%	0	7%	1	15%	5
TOTAL	100%	15	100%	4	100%	14	100%	33

OFFICIAL		
Support	71%	460
No Support	17%	110
No Opinion	13%	82
TOTAL	100%	652