



A LOOK BACK (cont.)

Continuing our update of changes since previous Bulletins were issued: a review of the 19-20 Weekly Bulletins found the following changes were required.

Bulletin # 1 Addressed the required type of whistle and lanyard permitted to be used with the uniform. This information was modified in The Officials Guidebook in both the 20-21 season and current school year. It is silent on the type of whistle and the color of the lanyard to be worn.

Bulletin # 1 A portion of this bulletin addresses the issue of Coaches who had not completed the Rules Meeting until a specific date which was several weeks after the commencement of the season. With the requirement this year that Coaches must complete a Rules Meeting prior to their first meet, this issue is eliminated.

Bulletin # 9 (Note Only) The questions posed in Bulletin # 9 were not answered until Bulletin # 11 instead of # 10 due to a topic that needed immediate attention.

Last week we mentioned the Chief Timer, Head Lane Timer and Timers. A Head Lane Timer must perform all the duties of a Timer plus additional duties. What are those additional duties?

We know that permanent 15 Meter Marks (not different colored floats on lane lines) are required 15 meters from both the turn end and the finish end of the pool. If they are not present what temporary measures can be used? As the meet official, what notification obligations does the NFHS Rulebook require you to make?

The number of available Swimming and Diving officials varies by location in the state. It is becoming a frequent practice in one or more portions of the state for a school scheduler to have a list of 10-20 officials that are all simultaneously e-mailed or texted the season's schedule at one time. In many instances the scheduler has their schedule filled in just a few minutes.

The officials participating in this type of system know that failure to make a very rapid response will result in not receiving any assignments for the upcoming season. Many have programmed their cell phones to have a unique tone when calls or texts come from the scheduler's number. Often these calls come months ahead of the season and their urgency is questionable.

MHSAA does not have a position on this scheduling practice. You are reminded that using a mobile device in your motor vehicle, while in motion or stopped on the roadway, is a violation of the Michigan Vehicle Code and can result in penalties that would most likely exceed the compensation you would receive for officiating a meet! The practice is dangerous for you and those around you.

RULES REVIEW

As the Referee is inspecting the pool prior to the start of the meet, he is unable to see the markings on the bottom of the pool. What is the proper protocol? [CLICK HERE](#) to submit your answer.

