

2019 Eastern Zone Southern Region Sectional
Christiansburg Aquatic Center
Christiansburg, VA
March 28-31, 2019

Leadership Team:

Meet Directors: John Stanley & Bill Beecher
Meet Referee: Jack Neill
Administrative Referee: Bryan Wallin
Team Lead Chief Judge: Dan Demers
Head Starter: Ellen Colket
Facility Manager: Nate Destree

Meet Statistics:

Number of Teams: 76
Number of Athletes:
 584 Individual Event Athletes
 76 Relay-Only Athletes
Number of Splashes: 2458
Prelim Scratch Rate:
 Individual Events – 4%
 Relays – 5%

Officials:

Number of Officials: 46
Number of National Evaluations: 16

Comments:

The meet was a manageable size with 660 total athletes (including relay-only swimmers); the facility had sufficient space to accommodate the participants adequately and safely. Ten lanes were used for all events, both Prelims and Finals, resulting in very reasonable timelines. Since there were fewer than 600 individual-event athletes, only 3 heats of Finals were contested in the evening sessions. Air quality was acceptable most days; it had noticeably deteriorated by Sunday, when two athletes had to be treated by EMT for breathing issues. One huge plus for the facility is that the EMT was onsite throughout the meet. Another plus was the Facility Manager and his staff, who were consistently knowledgeable, attentive, cheerful, and accommodating.

Virginia Swimming and the host club, H2Okie Swimming, did an excellent job managing and running the meet. Volunteers were ample—although the obligatory calls to recruit timers were necessary at several sessions. Hospitality was punctual and plentiful, although some coaches and officials hoped for more variety. A very popular addition was an Athletes' Hospitality area, which garnered many positive comments. Coaches and athletes expressed disappointment that awards were not available during awards ceremonies.

The General Meeting was well-attended and collegial.

With 46 officials from 7 different LSCs, the deck was very well-staffed. 16 officials underwent formal evaluation under the National Certification Program. Our Lead Evaluator, Pat Lunsford (Ohio Swimming), our Chief Judges, and other lead officials did an outstanding job mentoring and supporting their colleagues who so generously volunteered their time and expertise. The Eastern Zone is fortunate to have so many dedicated and knowledgeable officials who work to make these meets a success. Special note must be made of the extraordinary Admin team who worked behind the scenes to ensure accuracy in entries, seeding, results, etc.

As usual at these meets, Time Trials were very popular. The host LSC appointed a separate Referee for the Time Trials, which made registration, seeding, and running of TTs efficient and painless. This appointment should be considered for future meets.

Several coaches had questions regarding the order of events—most commonly, why were the 200 Free and 500 Free scheduled for the same day? Certainly the Eastern Zone Technical Committee will be reviewing the order of events in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Meet Referee for this meet!

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Neill

Team Scores – Women

1 Nation's Capital Swim Club	NCAP-PV	589.5
2 Delaware Swim Team	DST-MA	436
3 Monocacy Aquatic Club	MAC-MD	309
3 757 Swim	757-VA	309

Team Scores – Men

1 Nation's Capital Swim Club	NCAP-PV	729
2 Enfinity Aquatic Club	EAC-NC	381
3 Monocacy Aquatic Club	MAC-MD	315

Team Scores – Combined

1 Nation's Capital Swim Club	NCAP-PV	1318.5
2 Monocacy Aquatic Club	MAC-MD	624
3 Delaware Swim Team	DST-MA	596