

Motion 2101VCPO01:

Mandate that all Meet Directors and Head Marshals of Pacific Swimming Sanctioned meet to have taken and passed concussion training (CDC or NFHS) prior to the sanction of the meet .

Rationale:

State of California mandated that all swim officials be trained in concussion protocols. In Pacific Swimming swim meets, Meet Directors and Head Marshals are intimately involved in dealing with concussion incidents that occur.

The Meet Director is the person who will be gathering the relevant information relating to a concussion incident and filing the incident report to USA-Swimming and Pacific Swimming. He/She should be trained in concussion protocol in order to understand the various symptoms of concussion and manage the incident up to and including calling for the Emergency First Responder and interacting with the parent/guardian of the affected swimmer.

Most of the concussion incidents at swim meets occur during warm-up. Meet Marshals are positioned around the pool to enforce safety protocols during warm-ups and often are the person closest to the incident. He/she may have observed the incident. The Head Marshal should be trained in concussion protocol so they can brief the meet marshals and prepare them to deal with such an incident appropriately. The Head Marshal may also be called on to assist the Meet Director in managing the incident.

It is therefore reasonable and appropriate to require Meet Directors and Head Meet Marshals to be trained and qualified in concussion protocol. This is a one time requirement and should not place undue hardship on meet personnel of the host team.