

Meet Announcement

What's the Big Deal

Fuel

- Everyone just wants to have fun
- This isn’t a championship meet
- Once it is sanctioned we do whatever we want
- That’s just not how we do it
- Who really understands the meet announcement
- I don’t have time to read it
- We have a rulebook



Launch Pad

- Reference for understanding by all
  - Parents, Coaches, Athletes, Officials, Entry chairs, volunteers and support staff
- Rules by which meet is conducted
  - All held to the same standard
  - Any modifications from USA Rules, for example number of events or application of scratch rule
- Framework for decision making
  - Outside the USA Swimming Rulebook
  - Intent of meet, i.e. championship versus dual meet or small invitational
  - Equity

Strap In

- Rules and Conditions
- General Information
- Entry Process
- Meet Conduct
- Equipment
- Volunteers
- Officials

Ground Control

- Meet Types
  - Sanctioned Meets
    - 100% USA Swimming members
    - 100% USA Swimming rules
  - Approved Meets
    - May have USA and non-USA members
      - Does not require APT or registration compliance for non-members
    - USA Swimming Technical Rules (blue part of rulebook)
    - Such as NCAA* or YMCA or closed club invites
  - Observed Meets
    - May have USA and non-USA members
      - Does not require APT or registration compliance for non-members
    - Follows another organization's rules
    - such as NFHS, Masters



Countdown

- Rules and Conditions
  - USA Swimming Rulebook
    - Sanctioned Meets - 202.4 – 202.5
    - Approved meets -202.6 – 202.7
    - Observed Meets - 202.8
  - USA Swimming Policy
    - MAAPP (Safe Sport)
    - Waiver/Release
  - LSC Swimming Policy
    - Other rules LSC may impose or how to apply – 202.1-202.2

Ignition

- General Information
  - Site related
    - Facility Location
    - Parking
    - Access points
    - Admissions
    - Heat Sheets/Psych Sheets/Results
    - Facility information
      - Safety
      - Special rules
    - Concessions
    - Hotels



Lift Off

- Entry Process
  - Where to find the entry file
  - Contact information
  - When will entries be taken
  - How to submit entries
  - Qualifying period
  - Proofs
  - Late entries
  - Time changes
  - Limits on events
  - Entry fees
  - Eligibility Jury

First Stage

- Meet Conduct
  - Team Registration
    - Where will team register
    - Credentials
    - Requirements
      - Coach present
      - Assigned coach

First Stage

- Meet Conduct
  - Warm-ups
    - Timeframe for warm-ups
    - Coach directed with assigned lanes or lanes assigned purpose
      - General, pace, sprint
      - Changeover times
    - Equipment in the competition pool
      - Safety hazard to athletes
      - May damage touchpads, etc.



First Stage

- Meet Conduct
  - Check-in and scratches
    - When and where
    - Requirements
      - Positively check-in for all events they will swim (Deck-seeded)
      - Assumed to be swimming unless scratched
      - Check-in for distance
      - USA Swimming rule 207.11.6
        - No Shows
        - Modifications
        - Declared false starts
        - Penalties

First Stage

- Meet Conduct
  - Events
    - Numbered events
    - Day/Session
    - Age
      - Recommended events Article 102
      - Entry compliance 102.2 General Rules
    - Maximum number of events to contest

First Stage

- Meet Conduct
  - Seeding
  - Sessions format
    - Timed Final versus Prelim/Final
    - Start time
    - Flyovers or Chase Starts
    - Parade/Ready Room
  - Technical Jury

First Stage

- Meet Conduct
  - Scoring
  - Awards
    - Type
    - Schedule to present

First Stage

- Equipment/Facilities
  - Timing Systems
  - Lane lines
  - Bulkheads

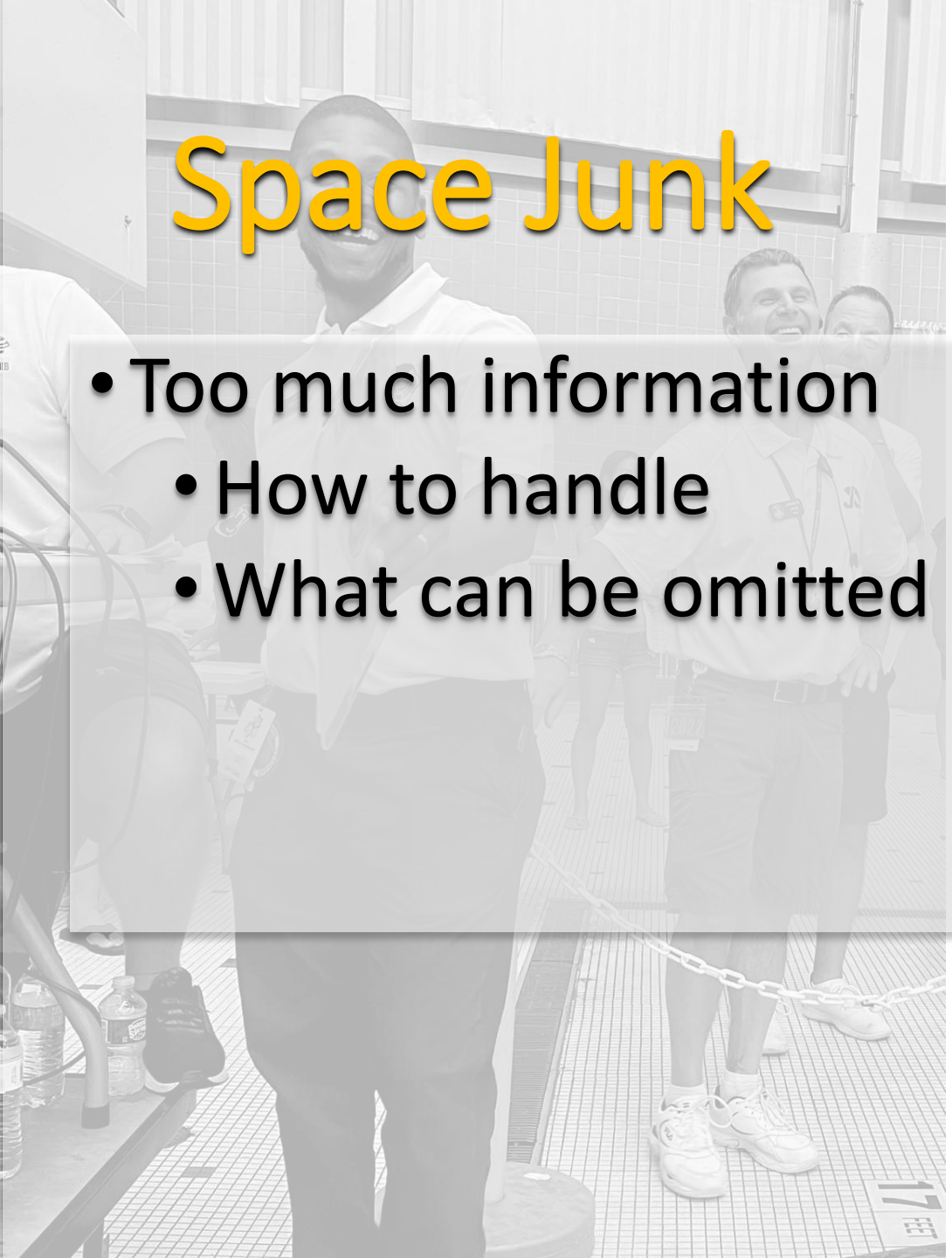
Second Stage

- Volunteers
  - Need (Marshals, Timers, etc.)
  - contact
- Officials
  - contact
  - uniform
  - briefing time
  - Official Qualifying Meet (OQM)



Space Junk

- Too much information
  - How to handle
  - What can be omitted





Re-Entry

- Questions
- Take Aways

