

Did You Know

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Let's get familiar with the USMS rule book.

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That all USMS sanctioned meets must have four (4) officials? This was news to me about a year ago, and at meets I host hereafter, we'll have four of them on deck.

One person is the Meet Referee, who can also be a stroke & turn judge, but not the starter. Another is the Starter, who also can be a stroke & turn judge. The other two officials serve as stroke & turn judges.

This rule is clear as a bell on page 15 of the USMS rule book.

Let's avoid having any of our meets not complying with the rules in case some Top 10 times and/or new state, zone, national or world records are established at a meet. Go to www.usms.org and click the red tab For Volunteers, then scroll to Rule Book. The rules begin on Page 1...browse them at your convenience.

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