

Did You Know

by Jerry Clark

Did you know I made a mistake in my article in the September 2013 issue? Yep, and I've apologized to the LMSC board and I now express my apology to the readership.

I mistakenly stated that sanctioned Masters pool meets require four meet officials. The fact is that only two officials are adequate under the rules in two different sections of the USMS Rule Book. I (mistakenly) thought that four were required, but that they could shift positions during a meet. What was meant was that two can handle double duties during a meet. My consultation with the USMS Chair of the Rules committed led to her sending an explanatory note, which is copied verbatim here:



- Two people can fulfill the duties of four officials; ONE by fulfilling the roles of 1) a referee and 2) a stroke and turn judge (103.2.1A, page 15) and THE OTHER by fulfilling the roles of 1) a starter and 2) a stroke and turn judge (103.2.1B).
- At least two people must fulfill the roles of stroke and turn judges (103.2.1C, page 15), but those two people can also be the referee and the starter (103.2.1A&B, page 15).
- The person who fulfills the role of the referee must be certified as a referee, BUT may serve as referee if only certified as a starter or a stroke and turn judge by receiving training in the specific duties of a referee (103.3.1, page 15).
- The other person who fulfills the roles of a starter and a stroke and turn judge must be certified in those capacities OR, if uncertified, must be trained in the specific duties of each position and be under the direct supervision of a certified official (103.3.2, page 16).

So...2 people can be 4 officials.

That is the bare minimum allowed for officials. We encourage staffing decks with more officials.