



Officiating and New Health Technologies

The health community continues to innovate and create new devices and ways to help people with different issues. As officials, we need to adapt and advance as well.

For example, glucose monitoring devices and insulin pumps are required to be worn at all times by swimmer who has diabetes to assist them in keeping their insulin and/or sugar levels in the correct zone. See attached images as examples of these devices:



Sometimes, the device will require extra tape on and around it as the original tape may begin to peel. Obviously, the swimmer cannot afford to have it fall off.

From now on, swimmers are not required to produce a letter or provide proof stating what the device is nor do they need to check in with the referee prior to the start of each day of a meet. A swimmer will not be disqualified for wearing one of the above-mentioned devices.

Officials may still ask clarifying questions to the coach about a swimmer who is potentially wearing one of these devices if it is not recognizable. For example, an appropriate question to the coach might be: "Is that a glucose monitoring device that your swimmer is wearing?". There should be no interaction with the swimmer directly.

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