

On Sunday, 10/29, after the SCSC 'Spooktacular' Meet in Morgan Hill, one of our Zone 1S Official who was cornered with his young son was cornered by angry parents who were upset because their child (swimmer) was scolded by a coach after the official informed the coach of the swimmer's misbehavior in the locker room. The parents were demanding that the official apologize to their child for getting him into trouble with the coach. The incident was broken up by a second official on her way out who made it clear to the parents that our jobs as officials are also safety officer, and reporting the incident back to the team was appropriate.

We are sharing this incident with the Z1S BOD, to make them aware that incidents such of these seem to be on the rise, and start the discussion if the Board thinks we need to start taking some sort of action against these parents.

In the last year, I have personally seen as an official three incidents where parents were badgering parents because they disagreed with the way they were doing their jobs. I am also aware of a parent that had to be escorted off the deck because they kept bothering the check-in volunteers.

Here is one potential way for us to address these issues

- 1) Meet Referee/Director to report incidents to Z1S BOD
- 2) Z1S BOD to send email/message to club (education issue by club, club code of conduct)
- 3) Second offense – parents suspended from meets for agreed time period
- 4) Third offense – parent banned from Z1S meets.

There are possible other ways that we can address this issue –DISCUSSION