Rule 4-14-7 - Interpretation

Electronic Equipment Video Review

ARTICLE 7. Video replay may be used at championship or invitational competitions governed by a meet or games committee composed of representatives of multiple institutions to determine if the electronic judging equipment has failed. Prior to the beginning of the competition a decision should be made by the meet committee as to when video reviews will be conducted and all participants should be informed (i.e. after each heat where review is needed or after the final heat of a multiple heat relay, etc.) All reviews must be conducted before qualifiers/results are announced. If video replay is in place for the championships all disqualifications must be reviewed to evaluate whether the electronic system failed. The referee shall review the video to determine if there was a machine malfunction and clear video evidence exists to overturn the call. The referee has sole jurisdiction over the review and their decision is a judgement call not subject to further review or appeal. Only the referee and a conference or NCAA meet committee representative – with no participating institutional affiliation may view the video that is being used for review. Challenges by coaches are not permitted as part of this rule and coaches are not permitted to view the video being used at any time.

Interpretation:

At the NCAA Championships, the Swimming and Diving Championships Committee Chair shall be the designee, unless otherwise delegated, to view the video and oversee the review process by the referee, even if the designee is affiliated with a participating institution.

Rationale:

The Committee Chair is responsible for the general management of the championship meet, and oversight of the video review process is an important part of the championships and overall integrity of the relay judging process.

Since the Committee Chair’s role is observational only, and the referee has the sole jurisdiction over the review and decision, participation by the Committee Chair is acceptable.