## <u>USA SWIMMING NATIONAL AGE GROUP RECORDS</u> (Revised September 2009)

National Age Group Records (commonly referred to as "NAG Records") are administered by USA Swimming and not the local LSC. These compilations are intended to accurately list the fastest age group swimmers of all time of all USA Swimming registered athletes since the inception of the keeping of the NAG records. The lists are published annually in the USA Swimming Rulebook and can also be found online on the USA Swimming website <a href="http://www.usaswimming.org">http://www.usaswimming.org</a> where they are periodically updated during the year as they are broken (if they are broken at all during the year – they are fast!).

These are "Age Group" [not single age] records for both SCY and LCM. Thus, for individual and relay events the age groups are 10 & Under, 11 & 12, 13 & 14, 15 & 16 and 17 & 18. A category for 15-18 relays was recently added. Once a swimmer turns 19 years of age he or she is no longer eligible to set NAG Records.

The events recognized for NAG Records are the "Official" age group events as stated in USA Rule 102.1.2.

USA Rules/Article 104 covers NAG Records specifically and thus that rule should be consulted annually for all current requirements and reporting procedures. It should be noted that only USA Swimming members who are US citizens representing a USA swimming club or competing "unattached" are eligible to establish NAG Records. Also, all NAG Records <u>must be applied for</u> by filling out the NAG Record Application and then mailing it to the appropriate individual at USA Swimming within 30 days of the performance. The athlete or the athlete's representative is responsible for initiating the record validation and reporting procedures (Emphasis added). The application can be found on the USA Swimming website.

Following the close of the yearly swimming season (August 31) awards are given to all swimmers and relay members who tie or better a NAG Record during the year. These awards are furnished by USA Swimming to the LSC. The LSC then delivers them to the individual athletes.

Occasionally you might see NAG Records listed in a meet program or psych sheet at a swim meet. At their choice Meet Hosts will sometimes download a NAG Record listing and include them for spectator viewing. These electronic Meet Manager software National Record files (which are not necessarily 100% up to date) are available at no cost for Meet Hosts from Hy Tek at <a href="http://www.hy-tekltd.com">http://www.hy-tekltd.com</a>

At the time of this writing the Michigan LSC is represented by several NAG Record holders. Questions concerning NAG Records may be directed to the Office of Michigan Swimming or to USA Swimming.