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TO: Michigan Swimming, Inc. Member Clubs
CC: Michigan Swimming, Inc. Board of Directors
FROM: Joe Gazzarato, General Chair, Michigan Swimming, Inc.
DATE: Tuesday, October 8, 2019
SUBJECT: Interpretation of Meet Entry Acceptance Priority Rule Change

At the September 22, 2019 meeting of the Michigan Swimming, Inc. House of Delegates, an amendment to the Michigan Swimming Rules & Procedures was passed as follows (underlined):

Page 69, "THE SANCTIONING/APPROVAL PROCESS"

C. The meet announcement must explicitly state that entries will not be accepted by the host club any earlier than 4 weeks prior to the first day of the meet. The Meet Host may accept entries as stipulated in the meet information packet. Meet Hosts may accept entries as they see fit including, but not limited to: history of attendance, quality of competition, and balance of sessions.

For the purpose of implementing the above rule, the following interpretation and clarification has been issued:

1. If a meet host wishes to use an alternate method of accepting entries, that method shall be clearly and comprehensively detailed in the meet information packet.
2. If no method of accepting entries is detailed in the meet information packet, entries shall be accepted based on order of entry receipt by the meet host.
3. After entries have opened, the meet host shall not change the method of accepting entries from that detailed in the meet information packet (or from the default, if no method is specified).

Further, all meet hosts are reminded that the USA Swimming 4-hour rule remains in effect. Failure to abide by the 4-hour rule will result in penalties as outlined in the Michigan Swimming Rules & Procedures or as defined by the Michigan Swimming, Inc. Board of Directors.