

2025 Fall Times Chair Report

National Top 10 Swims: Congratulations to **Kaia Lyons, BOZ**, for being ranked nationally in the top ten for 12-year-old girls in the 100 yard breaststroke: 10th place with a time of 1:07.16 set at the 2025 SN Southwestern Age Group Regional Championships.

Scholastic All America: Congratulations to **Sy Pizzolato (BAC)** and **Daniel Apostol (BY)**, for qualifying for the team. I serve as the Western Zone women's tabulator on the Scholastic All America sub-committee.

2024-2028 Time Standards: USA Swimming has released the 2024–2028-time standards last fall. Last year I updated the 8 and under time standards and the 13 and over 50 back/breast/fly time standards. There was some confusion with the new USA Swimming 13-14 50's of stroke qualifying times and the MT Swimming 13-21 year old 50's of stroke qualifying times. This fall I have submitted a proposal to use the USA Swimming qualifying times to qualify for Montana Swimming championship meets for the 50's of stroke for the 13-14 year olds and to automatically update to the 16-16 and 17-21 qualifying times as they are published.

Meet Results: Meet results are posted on the website on the past meet results page. I try to have the meet results uploaded to SWIMS and Team Unify within a day or two of receiving them.

Meet results from Canadian swim meets must be sent to me and I'll send them to USA Swimming to upload in SWIMS. Do not upload them to Team Unify yourself.

Do not upload meet results yourself – send them to me to upload to Team Unify/Sports Engine.

SwimCloud: SwimCloud is an online platform showing meet results for athletes who wish to have their times available for college coaches to view. I do try to send the results to SwimCloud after each meet. I am unable to send them results from single team or dual meets – the team must submit those results.

Meet Manager File Names and Report Headers: The correct manner to name your Meet Manager file for a meet is the Year-LSC-Club Code-Meet Name such as the 2025 MT BOZ May Classic. If names are too long, they will not upload in Team Unify. Also, under the report headers, please list the meet name, location, course, and include the sanction number. The USA Swimming rules require this information. Please do not include the name of the meet referee. An example would be:

2025 MT BOZ May Classic, Sanction xxxx
Bozeman, MT, Swim Center 50 LCM Pool

Meet File Names: Some meet event file names that are too long to be uploaded onto the Team Unify platform, so I have had to shorten the names to upload the files. Please be aware of that potential problem when naming your Meet Manager files.

Flex Athlete Competing in More than 2 Sanctioned Meets: Again, I encountered some problems with uploading results for flex athletes who competed at more than two sanctioned competitions.

Flex athletes may only compete in 2 sanctioned swim meets and no championship meets unless they upgrade to a premium membership. As I encounter this when doing pre-meet registration recon, I do email teams to let them know of the problem. Flex athletes may compete in additional meets after they have swum in two meets for the year, but their times will not be uploaded into SWIMS until they have upgraded their membership.

18 and Over Athletes and APT: Athletes ages 18 and over who had not completed the athlete protection training prior to competing in a meet had their times rejected when uploaded into SWIMS. I did contact coaches of athletes when possible that I was aware of who had not completed the APT prior to a meet, but there were some athlete times that were not uploaded into SWIMS. If these times should appear in Team Unify, they cannot be used for entry using OME or with an event file when proof of time is required. I do try to delete out these athletes from the results file before uploading times in Team Unify.

Mixed Relays: A legal mixed relay must be composed of two males and two females. These mixed relay finish times and lead off splits will be uploaded into SWIMS and Team Unify.

Last fall USA Swimming passed legislation allowing mixed relays that are 3 girls and 1 boy or 3 boys and 1 girl or 4 girls or 4 boys at the developmental level (below LSC championship meets) to have the lead off split time uploaded to SWIMS. The finish time will not be uploaded to SWIMS and the relays are not eligible for recognition as a mixed relay. These non-conforming mixed relays must be specifically offered in the meet information to have the lead off split uploaded to SWIMS. This allows clubs to have relays who may not have two boys and two girls to make a mixed relay team. Please note, these relays will not be eligible for relay records in Montana Swimming. Prior to uploading the results in Team Unify I will delete the names of swimmers 2, 3 and 4 from the results.

I encourage teams to offer girls, boys, and mixed relays at meets. The meet referee may combine those relays to swim together during the meet, but after the races are concluded the AO can adjust the relays and split the correct teams back into the correct events. If you have questions about how to do this, please contact me.

Relays: For relay times to be uploaded to SWIMS, each relay team in Meet Manager must list the names of the four swimmers who swam. The swimmers must be currently registered athletes from the same team. Relays must conform to the relay information listed on the event list as far as age and gender. Open relays may include swimmers of any age. Unattached swimmers may not swim in relays.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve all our Montana Swimming athletes, coaches, parents, and volunteers.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Huckleby
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