

2025 Spring Times Chair Report

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.

Last year Kaia also had national top ten times as an 11 year old in the 50 yard breaststroke, 100 yard breaststroke and 200 yard breaststroke.

Scholastic All America: I serve as the Western Zone women's tabulator on the Scholastic All America sub-committee. The online application opens June 1 and closes on September 30. Times must have been achieved between September 1, 2024, and August 31, 2025. Altitude adjusted times may not be used to qualify for Scholastic All America honors. Athletes must have completed the 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12 grade; have a 3.5 GPA or higher in academic subjects; and have a 2024 Winter Juniors qualifying time to be named to the SAA team. I encourage all qualified Montana Swimming athletes to apply. The athletes, their parents, and their club will receive an email notifying the athletes that they have a qualifying time. Athletes are directed to the application to apply.

SWIMS: Clubs may view times progression by their athletes in the club hub account. Clubs can also view the top times report for individual events and relays by their club members. New updates are being added monthly to SWIMS so check out what new data has been added.

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.

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. None of the times on SwimCloud are verified in the same manner as times in SWIMS. There have been concerns expressed across the country about providing results for Swim Cloud so USA Swimming may decide this will not be allowed in the future.

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. You do not need to list the name of the meet referee. An example would be:

2025 MT BOZ Teddy Bear Classic, Sanction xxxx
Butte YMCA 25Y Pool, Butte, MT

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.

Time Trials: Due to how meets are set up in SWIMS 3.0, teams hosting a time trial in conjunction with an invitational meet must sanction the time trial separately from their invitational meet. Time trials need a

separate sanction number, separate Meet Manager database and the entry swimmer fees must be paid to Montana Swimming. Please name your time trial something similar to your invitational meet if you wish. 2025 BAC Spring Fling Invitational and 2025 BAC March Time Trials are examples. You do need to specify the events you'll offer in your time trial meet announcement. For officials training purposes, training at time trials does not count toward the required number of sessions to become certified. Time trials also don't count towards needed sessions for N2 and N3 certifications.

Flex Athlete Competing in More than 2 Sanctioned Meets: Every year I encounter some problems with uploading results for flex athletes who competed at more than two sanctioned competitions. Flex athletes may only compete in 2 sanctioned 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.

18 and Over Athletes and APT: Athletes aged 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.

Semi-final meet results: SWIMS 3.0 and Team Unify will now upload semifinal results from meets.

Mixed Relay Errors: A legal mixed relay must be composed of two males and two females. All girls and all boys relays are not legal mixed relays and their times will not be uploaded into SWIMS (relays with 3 girls and 1 boy or 3 boys and 1 girl are also not legal mixed relays). These non-conforming relays should be disqualified, and no names should be recorded. 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 on 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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