2006-2007 NTV & Top 16 Reports

2006-07 calendar year - 104 meets loaded into the national times database (95 sanctioned, 7 observed, 2 approved)

2007-2008 forms for request of observation and times verification have been updated and will be posted on the web.

\$20 fee for observed meets, \$50 fee for approved meets, \$50 fee for sanctioned meets

Approved Meets

- A. There are no requirements for USA Swimming athlete membership for meet participation.
- B. Meet must be conducted under USA Swimming technical rules, including time resolution.
- C. All times achieved may be recognized by USA Swimming; times of USA Swimming members are eligible for inclusion in the SWIMS database.
- D. Requests for approved meets are submitted to the sanction chair and a \$50 fee must be submitted. Note: At this time, there is still no expectation that YMCA **dual** meets will be approved meets or loaded into SWIMS.

Observed Meets

- A. There are no requirements for USA Swimming athlete membership for meet participation.
- B. Meet is conducted under technical rules other than USA Swimming (e.g., high school, NCAA, Masters, IPC).
- C. A request for observation must be made to the LSC NYV chair at least ten (10) days prior to the meet. \$20 fee must be submitted with request.
- D. Times from swim(s) observed and approved by USA Swimming appointed and certified officials acting as observers are recognized by USA Swimming. Times of USA Swimming members are eligible for inclusion in the SWIMS database. See SES Observed Meet policy for details.

~60% of the meets submitted are named incorrectly. SWIMS requires the format to be:

2007 SE House of Delegates Invitational

This must be done in Meet Manager under "meet set up"

Also, in MM, location is: City, State not facilities or rec centers

Top 16

Legislation was approved to provide a name change for the Top 16 Recognition Program to **National Age Group Recognition**

The plan is to recognize the **top ten swimmers in a single age group for individual events.** A study was done (posted on the web link) which showed that for the 2006-07 SCY Top 16 List in the 11-12 boys group, eight 11 year olds and 300 12 year olds were on the total list.

With a single age group of top ten times 180 of each age group would be recognized. The committee feels that this will provide inclusion and motivation for the younger age and make recognition more competitive at the top age while providing more recognition overall for our athletes. **Note that relays will continue to be recognized in the current manner.**

Nov 1st - publish final list on the web.
Nov 21st - certificates sent out to the LSCs.

<u>All high school times for the 2007-08 year will be loaded into SWIMS as LSC-UN.</u> High school times will <u>not</u> count for Virtual Club Championships or club recognition programs this year.

New NCAA Database for Division 1 schools within SWIMS

If the times from NCAA meets (all divisions) are to count for **USA-S purposes**, the meets, whether dual, tri, quad, invitational or championship level, must be **authorized for observation by your LSC NTV officer** and, for all but championship meets, also by the National Times Chair Suzanne Heath on behalf of Program Operations. Letter sent Oct. 3rd to all D1 schools.

The time standards for 2008 which were passed at convention and will be posted on the SES website.

Submitted 10/5/07 Trish Mitchell, SES NTV/Top 16 Chair