

Fall 2008 NTV & Top 16 Report

SWIMS

- ❑ Sept. 1, 2007 thru August 31, 2008 - 97 SE meets loaded into the national times database (87 sanctioned, 4 time trials, 5 observed, 1 approved)
- ❑ To date, 34,296 meets loaded nationally; 30,130,653 times loaded

Meets

- ❑ Nothing has changed for this coming year in the way in which observed swims are managed.
- ❑ All NCAA D1 meets will be loaded by USA-S directly at HQ, results/cl2 file go directly to ncaa@usaswimming.org. If the conference is D2 or D3, results come the SWIMS chair of the host LSC.
- ❑ For any NCAA meets who wish times to count for USA-S purposes, the meets must be observed.
- ❑ A listing of all observed meets will be posted on the USA-S website.
- ❑ The list includes championship level NFHS, NCAA, YMCA, USMS or other organizations' meets.
- ❑ The list includes invitational level NFHS, NCAA, YMCA or other organizations' meets.
- ❑ The list includes dual NCAA meets.
- ❑ Requests for Observations (Form A or B) must be submitted 10 days prior to the meet and \$20 fee submitted at that time. No approvals will be granted without fees submitted.
- ❑ **Proposal & rationale submitted for 2008-2009 SES SWIMS Policy (attached)**
- ❑ \$609.00 observed meet fees collected and submitted to treasurer (this includes \$20 individual meet fee and fees paid by swimmers requesting times to be loaded because of lack of or inaccurate registration data)

Review of Types of Meets

- ❑ **Sanctioned** - all participants (including athletes, meet director, coaches, officials, clubs) must be members of USA Swimming; meet must be conducted under USA Swimming technical and administrative rules; all times achieved will be recognized by USA Swimming.
- ❑ **Approved** - no requirements for athlete membership in USA Swimming for meet participation; meet is conducted under USA Swimming technical rules, including time resolution; all times will be recognized by USA Swimming and times of USA-S members are eligible for inclusion in SWIMS.
- ❑ **Observed** - no requirements for USA-S athlete membership; meet is conducted under technical rules other than USA-S (high school, NCAA, Masters, IPC); a request for observation is made to the host LSC who determines if observation can be facilitated; times from observed swims in compliance with USA-S technical rules are recognized and times for USA-S members are eligible for inclusion in SWIMS.
- ❑ The request for sanction and approved meet status goes to the LSC Sanction/Admin Chair; the request for observation goes to the NTV Chair. Examples of approved meets include YMCA meets hosted by a Y team in a YMCA capacity and the meet includes athletes who may not be USA-S members or a State Games type of meet hosted by a state organization which also includes non-members - meet is officiated by USA-S officials under our rules as well. Meets where swims are observed include high school invitational and championship meets, NCAA dual meets, invitational and championships, Masters meets, IPC meets). LSCs set the guidelines for loading of times from these meets (with exception of Division 1 NCAA meets which are loaded by USA-S staff and coded, according to the list provided by the LSC, with use for both NCAA and USA-S purposes).

ConocoPhillips Reimbursement

- ❑ Reimbursement will be provided for the 2008 Short Course Nationals in Atlanta.

International Meets

- ❑ Please direct any requests for times from international meets (non National Team meets) to Suzanne Heath at suzanneheath@suddenlink.net She will receive the meet results link, check the times and enter them into SWIMS. These meets are loaded under the "US" LSC.

Naming Meets

- ❑ There is still great discrepancy in the naming of meets - this makes it much harder to look for meets and also for the formatting of that field in the database that is viewed publicly. Here is the format:
- ❑ 2008 SE Summer Spectacular - "year, LSC, name of meet" Location is "city, state"
- ❑ If a meet is **Approved**, it is helpful to have it look like this: 2008 SE **AP** YMCA Cluster Championship, if **Observed**: 2008 SE **OB** UT vs. AUB Dual Meet

Top 16

- ❑ 2006-07 certificates mailed. Mailing costs \$31.22.

National Age Group Recognition Program

- ❑ Preview lists of the Top Ten Times are posted on the SES and USA-S websites. **It is very important that you review these lists for potential errors. Please be attentive to this important review! I am counting on you to make your times correct so that the final national preview list will accurately reflect the top times.** Note that all times, and therefore all corrections, must be reported no later than October 1, 2008. Final lists will be posted no later than November 15th.
- ❑ The T & R committee has voted to add age 18 to the single age category for the 2008-09 top times list. This came about as a request from the Chair of the Senior Swimming Committee who pointed out that our elite athletes are much older than ever before and we need to provide as much recognition as possible for our teenage athletes to keep them involved. This recognition will include naming to the lists posted on the USA-S web site and in publications; as currently administered, the program does not provide certificates for ages 15-17 or 15-18 in relays unless the LSC specifically requests them. Certificates will be provided to all athletes ages 11-14 and for 11-12 and 13-14 relays teams. Listing on the web site will be for all age groups.
- ❑ The decision to stop printing certificates for 15-18 was prompted by the older athletes who decided they wanted to be listed on the web and be published in *Splash*.

Disability Swimmer Recognition

- ❑ A quarterly recognition program will be implemented for USA-S members who are disabled. Criteria and awards were determined at convention and will be made available shortly.

Convention Legislation

- ❑ R-11 - Allowing observed swims to be used for USA Swimming records-**Approved**
- ❑ R-12 - Must be able to represent the USA in international competition in order to set an American record-**Approved**
- ❑ R-13 - Pool Measurement. This amendment changes the pool measurement procedures to expand and update the database of pool certifications-**Approved**

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