



# Oregon Swimming News

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## FEBRUARY NOTICES

### New Oregon Swimming Records.

11-12 girls: Jordan King, 12, THSC, 100 fly, 59.76 (Canby Animal Meet December 28. Her time made her the first girl in the 11-12 age group to break the minute in this event.

Sloan Storie 11 CAT, 1000 free, 11:33.47 (EA Distance Pentathlon on 12/14/02)

Maggie Alexander, 12, TTSC, 1000 free, 11:19.57 (Super Dual on 12/15/2002)

Hannah Points, 12, TTSC, 400 IM, 4:51.47 (TTSC Super Dual on 12/15/2002)

11-12 boys Andrew Ottolia, 12, LOSC, 200 breast, 2:32.72 (MHST Winter Inv on 12/14/2002).

Congratulations swimmers and coaches.

**Sanctions.** As Mark Rieniets will be in Australia for several weeks during January and February 2003, David Emmons has generously offered to fill the Sanctions Chair, so please forward all Sanction Applications and questions to David during these months.

David's postal address is:

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Sherwood, OR, 97140**

David can also be contacted by email at

**PDSTowDesk@aol.com**, or by phone at **503-625-1393**

**Out of State Meets.** Please remember to send results to the office and the OSI webmaster if your team participates in a meet outside of Oregon Swimming.

### 2003 Oregon Swimming Board of Directors

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### 2003 Swim Guide

The 2003 Swim Guide is available through JD Pence or by sending in this form with payment to Oregon Swimming. They cost \$5.00 each.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Athlete Membership Requirements.** According to Oregon Swimming Standing Rules the Membership Requirements are: All athletes competing in an OSI sanctioned or approved competition are to be athlete members in good standing of USA Swimming or FINA affiliated organization.

Athletes competing in OSI Championships must be USA Swimming athlete members registered in OSI.

**Registration forms and fees must arrive in the OSI office prior to an athlete's participation in an OSI Sanctioned or Approved meet.**

Athletes competing in Region XII Senior Championships, Western Zone Championships, or any USA Swimming Championship level competition shall be full year athlete members. (i.e., not Seasonal)

**Enforcement** - The person signing the entry form will be required to verify that all athletes entered are members (in the appropriate category) of USA Swimming.

**Penalties** - per Article 302.4, USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, OSI may impose a fine of up to \$100.00 per event against the person signing the entry form.

**Coach membership requirement.** The following life guard training courses are now accepted IN LIEU OF Safety Training for Swim Coaches: The American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Course. The lifeguard certification also meets the requirements for first aid and CPR, so now this one course meets ALL the necessary safety requirements for coach membership. (The CPR certification, however, must be renewed annually.) Ellis & Associates "National Pool & Waterpark Lifeguard Training Program - Universal Lifeguard License". The Ellis certification must be renewed ANNUALLY. The certification itself includes lifeguarding, First Aid, CPR, Oxygen Administration and AED operation. When working at an Ellis licensed facility, each individual has to fulfill a minimum of 1 hour in-service training per month to reinforce skills. YMCA Life Guarding. This course does not fulfill the CPR and First Aid requirements.

**USA Swimming does not accept ANY instructor certifications from the American Red Cross.** ARC requirements to be an instructor for Safety Training for Swim Coaches mandate that the instructor must hold a current STSC card. Therefore, if a coach sends you a STSC instructor card, he/she should also have the regular STSC card already and should be able to give it to you.

### ***OSI Times Database*** ***Robbert van Andel***

This month, I wanted to address some common concerns that are emailed to me on a regular basis. Perhaps the

most common concern I get is swimmers listed with the incorrect team in the database. When I wrote the software that generates the top times and qualifiers, I had not anticipated swimmers switching team, which is kind of ironic considering I swam for several myself. In the coming months I will be improving the times databases to correct this bug in the software. In the mean time, I will be happy to change the swimmer's club affiliation manually. Just drop me an email at [robbertv@oregonswim.org](mailto:robbertv@oregonswim.org). I will correct it.

Unfortunately, most of the changes I've made to swimmer's club affiliations since November were lost with a crash in the database. I've had to use a backup that I made in November. Until I am able to correct the bug in the reporting software, please resend your corrections.

Frequency of updates is a second concern. Basically, the times database sits in a Hy-Tek Team Manager database on my home computer. When I make an update, I use a program I wrote to export the times for use on the database sitting on the website. Towards the end of the season, exporting both the top times and qualifiers can be a lengthy process. Because of this, I generally make an update on the weekend when I've had time to receive and import results from the previous weekend. That, at least, is my hope. Sometimes due to time constraints, it may be longer than a week before I run an update.

I want to thank all the meet directors for their prompt delivery of the meet results. I am always happy to offer help in getting results to me in the proper format, so please don't hesitate to ask. One request I have is please do not send me a backup of the meet any more as I do not have ready access to Meet Manager. I will be happy to get a backup of the meet database for inclusion in Oregon Swimming's results archive, but please send a CommLink file for importing into the database.

## ***OFFICIALS CORNER*** ***BRUCE LUDWIG***

### ***Meet Short of Officials***

We recently experienced a swim meet where there were not enough officials to conduct the meet by rule. This occurred at a meet used to qualify swimmers for upcoming championship meets. The short staffing resulted in an unfair competitive venue. As a result the swimmers' times cannot be used for qualifying for championships.

Our mission is to provide fair competitive venues for our competitors. Every club in OSI has an obligation to help provide officials to the meets they attend – both morning and afternoon sessions in the case of split formats. When we fail in this endeavor we break our trust with the

competitors. They work hard day in and day out. They look forward to the competitions and their chance to qualify for championship meets. They should not have to worry about whether or not there will be enough officials to make the meet a fair venue.

We must of course keep in perspective the fact that swim meets are hosted and conducted entirely by volunteers – including officials. OSI does not provide a guaranteed officiating service similar to the NBA or NFL. We are all working hard to recruit more officials, and encourage advancement of others. As new officials attain certification this problem will diminish, but we *must* continue to recruit and encourage all clubs to establish an officiating cadre. Let's all do what each of us can to prevent unfair venues in the future.

### Water Depth Rule Change

USA Swimming made an emergency amendment to the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations effective January 1, 2003. The rule is 103.2 Water Depth. Sections .1 and .2 are unchanged. Section .3, sub-section A was changed to read: *In pools with water depth less than 4'0" (1.22 meter) at the starting end, the swimmer must start from the deck or from within the water.* Sub-section B was struck and sub-section C was renumbered to B. This change was a response to USA Swimming's liability insurance carrier. It was adopted as an emergency safety measure as it could not be brought to the House of Delegates in a timely manner.

Meet Referees and Meet Directors in particular should make sure the rule is clearly understood. Water depth at the starting end is measured starting at 1 meter from the wall through a distance of 5 meters. The minimum water depth must be met for this entire distance. Note that at the minimum of 4'0" starting end depth, it is acceptable to use starting blocks that meet the requirements of 103.12.1.

For pools where the starting end depth is less than 4'0" the swimmers must start from the deck or from within the water. It is recommended that the Meet Referee, in consultation with the Meet Director, decide whether only deck starts, only in-water starts, or a combination will be allowed. Don't forget to consider the turn end of pools where relay swimmers will be performing take-offs for short distance relays.

We need a fair and consistent standard for in-water starts. Swimmers should keep at least one hand in contact with the wall for forward starts and relay take-offs. Any other type of contact with the wall would be difficult or impossible to judge fairly. Meet Directors and Meet Referees should plan their time-lines carefully as in-water starts for all events will doubtless take longer.

I would suggest that each club determine the start end water depth for the pools in which they host meets. They should send this information to the Oregon Swimming office, or to me, so that this information may be available to all referees.

### Renewal vs Re-certification

Each year there is some confusion about renewal versus re-certification. Renewal with USA Swimming and Oregon Swimming (\$35 fee) is required annually. This simply registers the official as a member of these organizations allowing for appropriate certifications, publications, and liability insurance coverage.

Re-certification however is a requirement of Oregon Swimming. This is done every two years and is staggered depending on where the official's last initial falls in the alphabet. For officials whose last name begins with A through K, re-certification is required at the end of even numbered years. For officials whose last name begins with L through Z, re-certification is required at the end of odd numbered years. In either case, re-certification is accomplished by sending the re-certification log to the official's Area Officials' Chair, or in the case of Referees, to me. There is one exception to this rule – brand new trainees who gain their initial certification in a year that would normally be a re-certification year for them are exempt from the *recertification* process. They *are not exempt from renewing*. Trainees whose training period spans more than one year must register/renew each year. Please help explain this process to new officials.

### Officials' Meetings

We hold an officials' meeting before each Oregon Swimming Board Meeting. The meetings are held monthly with the exception of a couple of *bye* months. Check the calendar on the OSI web page for the dates and locations of each meeting. The officials' meeting will always be held at 6 PM prior to the 7 PM board meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Area Officials' Chairs are asked to attend, but I recognize how difficult that is for some of them (some personal experience in this matter). We will discuss current issues and future direction. Everyone's input is valued, so please attend. Oh... and we have fun too!

### HS Rules

If you are going to help with high school meets, please make sure you become familiar with HS rules. I realize there are a limited number of HS rule books available, but please make some effort to discuss rules prior to conducting meets. Please do help with HS meets as you are able. They are a lot of fun and a great experience. I do recommend that new trainees consider waiting until they have completed the training process before

officiating high school meets in order to reduced the confusion factor. Get with your AOC or friendly neighborhood referee for a rules review. I'm sure they will have all the answers!

### *Trainers and Clinics*

I'm in the process of updating the trainer's list. Please let your AOC know if there is an error or omission on the trainer's list on the web site. Also, we rely on *you* to let your AOC know if you feel you should be on the trainer's list. I will be asking the AOC's for recommendations, so please don't be bashful... you may be in the best position to tell us whether you should be or want to be a trainer.

For anyone wishing a clinic – S&T, Starter, or Referee – please contact a trainer or your AOC to schedule one. Any trainer may conduct a clinic on the certification level for which s/he is a trainer. Trainers can get clinic materials from the OSI office... just call or e-mail. All of the AOC's are trainers for at least S&T through Referee. Some are also ET trainers (Al Smith and Helen Brown, for example, are both also ET trainers even though the web site list does not reflect that... this type of omission is hereinafter known as the **Al Smith Factor** thanks to his bringing this to my attention).

### **HELP NEEDED AT OREGON MASTERS MEETS**

*Stan Benson*

As most of you know, OSI officials try to handle the officiating for Oregon Masters swim meets.

There are a couple of meets coming up that will require a full complement of deck officials to officiate to the standards that we take pride in.

The first is the Oregon Masters Short Course Championships on March 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>. The meet starts at 3:00 PM on Friday and at 9:00 AM on Saturday and Sunday. The meet is being held at the Multnomah Athletic Club. This is the same weekend as Sectionals at Federal Way. Please let me know if you are able to help out, even if for just one day.

The second meet is the Masters' Zone Championships to be held at Hood River on April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday this meet does not start until after the noon hour. Come up and spend a nice weekend in the Gorge! These meets are a lot of fun and we see some very good swimming. Also, Oregon Masters supports our officials travel fund, support for which we are very thankful.

Once again, please let me know if you are able to work either or both of these meets.

Stan Benson, [bensonsandg@gorge.net](mailto:bensonsandg@gorge.net)

## **COACHES CORNER**

### **SCOTT ALLEN**

Just a few reminders coaches. With the start of the new year, there is a change in the depth requirements for the use of starting blocks. The rule now reads that in pools with a water depth of less than four feet, swimmers must start in the water. Regarding the fee increase slated to begin next year, the next task force meeting is slated for 15-16 February. It is important that coaches contact Task Force members (Jeff Gudman is the chair of the Program and Services Committee) or our Western Zone Coordinator Kim Holmes (<mailto:kholmes@usa-swimming.org>) to provide feedback so that our USA Swimming budget dollars are spent on programs that are useful to us. The first meeting took place in Colorado Springs 14-15 December. Minutes from the meeting are posted on the USA Swimming web site ([http://www.usa-swimming.org/media\\_services/template.pl?opt=news&ubid=3041](http://www.usa-swimming.org/media_services/template.pl?opt=news&ubid=3041)). Topics of discussion are as follows, as well as how to prioritize these areas: Education (coaches and volunteers), Recruitment and Retention, Grants, Research, Product Development, Club Services, Organization Relationships, and Inner City/Rural Issues

### **AGE GROUP CHAIR REPORT**

**AMY EMMETT**

The Championship Season and entry deadlines are fast approaching. There has been some confusion about entries for swimmers who achieve the time standards after the meet entry deadlines. Please read the meet information for each meet very carefully, particularly where it says in the Entries: .... "NEW QUALIFYING TIMES attained between....". There is specific information for each of the three Oregon Swimming, Inc. 2003 Speedo Short Course Championship meets.

For the 2003 Speedo 10 & Under Championship Meet the meet entry deadline is 12:00 PM, Wednesday, January 22, 2003, and "NEW QUALIFYING TIMES attained between January 22 and February 3, 2002 will be accepted until 12:00 PM, Monday, February 3, 2003, by sending an E-mail to [swim@oregonswim.org](mailto:swim@oregonswim.org) Entry times already submitted may not be updated. Received E-mails will be acknowledged by 1:30 P.M., Monday."

For the 2003 Speedo Short Course 11-14 Age Group Championships the meet entry deadline is 12:00 PM, Wednesday, February 5, 2003. "NEW QUALIFYING TIMES attained between February 5 and 17, 2003 will be accepted until 12:00 PM, Monday, February 17, 2003, by ending an E-mail to [swim@oregonswim.org](mailto:swim@oregonswim.org) Entry times already submitted may not be updated. Received E-mails will be acknowledged by 1:30 P.M., Monday."

And for the 2003 Speedo Short Course Senior Championships the meet entry deadline is 12:00 PM, Wednesday, February 19, 2003, and "NEW QUALIFYING TIMES attained between February 19 - March 3, 2002 will be accepted until 12:00 PM, Monday, March 3, 2003, by sending an E-mail to swim@oregonswim.org Entry times already submitted may not be updated. Received E-mails will be acknowledged by 1:30 P.M., Monday."

It has been explained to me that this is necessary to allow meet management to check entry times against the Oregon Swimming Top Times Data Base. Coaches must provide proof of time for swimmer's times that are not listed in the Date Base. Please check the Oregon Swimming Web page at [www.oregonswim.org](http://www.oregonswim.org) to confirm that your swimmers are listed and report any errors to Robbert Van Andel via the "Report errors" feature on the Web page.

Late entries will not be accepted for any of the Championship meets. Please be aware that these deadlines are a week earlier than they have been in the past. Unfortunately, some swimmers will be entered with less than their best times. New times achieved during the two week ends prior to each Championship meet will be valid for entry. All entries go to the Oregon Swim Office, not the hosting Meet Manager, and all fees are payable to Oregon Swimming, Inc.

See you at the meets. Good Luck to you all and to all of the swimmers.

## **ADAPTED SWIMMING**

### **EUGENE MIELKE**

International Competition: The IPC World Championships were held in Argentina December 10 – 16, 2002. The United States team did a great job at the meet. They went to Argentina expecting to collect 20 to 22 medals. They came away with 33 instead and picked up two world records and set over 30 new American records. Two swimmers, Aaron Paulson (S7) and Jennifer Butcher (S13), represented Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. Between them they accounted for 3 of the 33 US medals. Aaron placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the 100 back, and 200 IM, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100 breast, and was a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> place 200 medley relay team. Jennifer placed 9<sup>th</sup> in the 100 and 400 free, 7<sup>th</sup> in the 100 breast, 6<sup>th</sup> in the 200 IM, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 50 free, and was a member of the 3<sup>rd</sup> place 400 medley relay team. Congratulations to both our swimmers.

## **OREGON SWIMMING, INC.**

### **Regular Meeting January 8, 2003**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Oregon Swimming Inc., was called to order by General Chair, Tim Stevenson, at the Multnomah Athletic Club at 7:30 p.m. The

following individuals were present: Tim Stevenson, Valarie Koss, Marilyn Loitz, Gary Leach, Gene Mielke, Suha Tokman, Amy Emmett, Bruce Ludwig, Jacki Allender, Craig Martin, Robbert VanAndel, Zach Niles, Steve Gould, Judy L'Roy, Christi McCauley, Julie Carpenter, Jim Liggett, Jeff Gudman, Skip Runkle, Marni Henrickson, Mark Bernett, Eric Camus, Coby van Andel

**A. Approval of Minutes:** The board took action to accept the minutes of November 6, 2002 as presented.

**B. Treasurer's Report:** The year end report was not available due to e-mail difficulties and will be presented and reviewed at the next meeting.

#### **C. Reports:**

**Administrative Chair Gary Leach:** Gary began the meeting by advising each committee that they would be allowed five minutes for their committee presentation and discussion. He advised he was implementing this Ground Rule to ensure that business could be covered and the meetings would be held to two hours, if possible, to assist those members and attendees that travel a great distance.

**Age Group Report-Amy Emmett:** Amy advised that coaches will need to pay attention to the meet entry deadlines for the Age Group Championship Swim meet as all entries will need to be e-mailed and not FAXed. She advised that the deadline is earlier to allow time for verification of times prior to the start of the meet pursuant to the legislative change that was approved at the 2002 House of Delegates Meeting. Discussion occurred. Coby advised that this change was necessary as too many kids being entered without qualifying times. G. Leach advised that any change to this new rule will have to be addressed through TPC or the House of Delegates.

**Senior Report-Mark Bernett:** Mark advised that the Senior Championship meet is March 6-9 at MAC and Senior Sectionals is in Federal Way March 12-16. Mark encouraged coaches to enter entries on line for Senior Nationals as it is much easier. He indicated the Jr. National Meet is April 7-11 in Orlando and anyone with old Jr. cut times who is 18-u is eligible to attend.

**Coaches Report-Scott Allen:** No Report

**Athletes Representatives-Mason & Zach:** No Report

**Scheduling/Championship Site Selection -Skip Runkle:** Skip advised that the scheduling meeting concept is working, however the meet schedule still needs work as too many teams are getting closed out of meets in January. He will encourage teams to develop new meets for January to help alleviate this.

**Time Standards-Andy Carlisle:** No report.

**Technical Planning-Eric Camus:** Eric advised that he is working on developing some type of schedule to create ideas on how scheduling should be done. He will set up an e-mail forum to discuss issues as they are presented. He will be planning at TPC Committee meeting at a future meet.

**Web site-Robbert van Andel:** No Report

**Safety Chair-Jeanine Serrano:** No Report

**Camp Coordinator-Jeanine Serrano:** No report

**Officials Committee-Bruce Ludwig:** Bruce advised that the water depth rule (103.2) change became effective January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The depth of the pool is to be measured from one meter out to

five meters from the wall out. A depth of 4ft or more may still use a starting block. If the depth is less than 4 ft, a swimmer may start in water or from deck. Referees have been assigned for the championship meets as follows: Sr. Champ Meet: Howard Jones; Age Group Champ: Kevin Nagle; 10-U: Linda Postma; and High School: Gene Mielke.

**Adapted-Gene Mielke:** Two swimmers from Oregon attended World Champs. They did very well in representing US and the Pacific Northwest.

**Office Manager/Registration-Coby van Anandel:** Coby advised that reminders to clubs who have not renewed were sent out in December. The Blue Marlins and Salem Y are not going to be clubs any longer. She indicated that there are some coaches who have not registered and some clubs who have not registered their swimmers. She will continue to monitor renewals. News articles are due on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Sanctions Chair - Mark Rieniets:** Report e-mailed as Mark is in Australia. Discussion occurred on sanctions. Sanctions is a pre-competition agreement between the LSC and the team that the right number of officials will be present and that the team will obey all the safety rules. If a meet is held without a sanction, the meet will not be insured by USA Swimming. Teams that want to have an intersquad meet should sanction the meet in order to qualify the times and provide insurance coverage for the hosting team, provided the safety rules and rules for number of officials have been followed. Sanctions will not be issued for time trials where only a single team is present. The matter was tabled for further discussion until Mark can be presented.

**Awards-Lise Thom:** No Report

**Awards Ceremony-Marianne Gunderson:** No Report

**Star Chair-Jacki Allender:** Jacki advised she is working with High School Meet Directors and Meet Referees to make sure forms are filled out and officials are lined up for each of the meets. Coaches should make sure paper work is filled out to make sure swims that may qualify for "National Times" are observed at the High School District meets. She advised that US Open will be in the Northwest this year. Coaches will need to be proactive in requesting qualifying times to meet the US Open requirements for entry. Jeff Gudman advised that a letter was sent by OSI to OSAA requesting seating together for parents of teammates and no response has been received to date. He also indicated that the High School State Meet will have five minute breaks following each event to allow swimmers to cool down.

**Records-Marni Henrickson:** Written report submitted. She brought forward several questions that she would like committees to consider this year and requested input from the Committees on these topics. There was some discussion on why certain times are not included in top 5. Pursuant to action taken at the House of Delegates, it was concluded that swimmers who are representing their club will be considered for OSI Top 5, however if swimmers are swimming for college during NCAA finals or High School State, they are not representing their club at that meet and therefore the times will not be considered for OSI Top 5. Considerable discussion occurred regarding new 11-12 records that have only been recognized by USA Swimming since 2000.

**MOTION:** To allow coaches to submit results to be verified by a committee to establish records that were set prior to 2000 in distance events. **OPPOSED.**

**MOTION:** Times be asterisked as records recognized by USA Swimming beginning in 2001. **CARRIED** unanimously.

**All-Star Team-Suha Tokman:** Suha advised that the team has been selected and will represent OSI in Reno the end of January. He advised that the April meet is still a problem. He indicated that discussion occurred at the last April meet, decisions were agreed upon at that time, and reservations were made. The host team has now moved the meet to May and is changing the format to include Senior swimmers. Based on the current status of the meet, along with the past history, he asked for approval by the Board to look into other opportunities for the April All-Star swimmers. Consideration discussion occurred.

**MOTION:** To allow OSI to pull out of All Star Meet scheduled with Snake River and Inland Empire, to direct the head coach to find a suitable meet at an alternate site for the Oregon All-Stars in the mid-April time frame, and to bring the meet information to the Board for approval at the February meeting. **CARRIED** unanimously.

#### D. Old Business:

1. **Background checks:** Jeff Gudman advised that pursuant to a request at the November meeting, he has talked with General Counsel for USA Swimming and they have suggested that OSI move slowly and carefully consider who would have access to this information and that the proposal after legal review. This request was made as a result of a parent question regarding chaperones as it relates to driving records and insurance. Some discussion occurred. He indicated he will continue to gather information and he would provide a written report on his findings at the March Board Meeting at the request of the board. Bruce:Ludwig advised that USA Swimming has a code of conduct that is very specific, however to enforce the code of conduct a background check is necessary.

#### E. New Business

1. **Meeting Time:** Discussion occurred on adjusting the meeting time to make it possible for members who have to travel 2-5 hours to attend.

**MOTION:** To move the starting time of the meeting from 7:30 to 7:00 p.m. and start Board meetings at 7:00 p.m. **CARRIED** unanimously.

2. **Hall of Fame:** A suggestion was made to have an Oregon Hall of Fame and induct swimmers at Top 5 Banquet. Considerable discussion occurred.

**MOTION:** The board took approve the concept of an Oregon Hall of Fame for Swimming and to form a committee to develop the criteria and make a recommendation on the site. **CARRIED** unanimously.

The General Chair appointed Mark Bernett, Suha Tokman, Gene Mielke, Skip Runkle, Bud Taylor, Gary Leach and Jeff Gudman to the committee to develop the criteria and bring forward a recommendation.

3. Decals for Athletes: Coby advised that she needed to order decals for athletes.

**MOTION:** The board took action to authorize Coby to move forward and order decals for athletes. CARRIED.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

**Oregon Swimming, Inc.**

**By Valarie L. Koss**

***Reno All Star Trip 2003***  
***Elke Asleson***  
***All Star & Zone manager***

roles to make this trip a great success for our Oregon athletes!!

With warm coats and hats, 32 All Star swimmers and 6 coaching staff marched onto the plane in Portland early Saturday morning, January 11, with eager anticipation of a flight to Reno to pursue swimming with a new passion, against new competition. We had a beautiful flight, clear skies over snow covered peaks. We were warned of snow to come, but it never did! The weather was brisk, but sunshine was with us both days.

The Oregon All Stars represented the state extremely well. Behavior was exceptional, and every swimmer swam their heart out, it was a challenge to achieve new best times, as Reno altitude was a factor! (4,500 ft.)

Unfortunately, one swimmer came down with a flu bug, but was very well cared for by coach Moody. All Star swimming would have to wait...

The team enjoyed a state of the art pool, complete with a new \$70,000.00 scoreboard. Our bright red caps matched our red lit up names and placing in lanes two & six. Several of our swimmers did win events over the strong California teams.

We enjoyed buffet style meals, and tour bus shuttles, as meet directors encouraged us to use their luxury busses, due to the expected snow factor, rather than vans. The busses were complimentary to us. Overall hospitality was wonderful, the University Hotel housed us comfortably, and a Saturday buffet dinner was set up at the famous Sands Hotel. After the final events on Sunday, coach Suha wrapped up the meet with comments of our performances and our "stars of stars" were acknowledged. It was wonderful to see the team support and bonding of young athletes, parents would have been proud of this group in action!

To finish up an exciting weekend, all swimmers were given the opportunity to enjoy the circus acts (2) and games at Circus Circus. It was amazing to see the haul of prizes we made as a team! Big framed pictures of Brittany Spears, remote controlled cars, and plush animals galore! It was hard to finally head back to the airport, but again, all were accounted for at the appointed meeting time! It is hoped that the memories will last a lifetime, as will the new friendships.

Personally, I would like to again thank each coach, especially Head coach Suha Tokman, assistant manager/coach Dick Moody, coaches Jim Bowe, John Zell, Darlene Hill, Martin Reichgott, and of course OSI office manager Coby VanAndel, who all played such important

**RENO REPORT**  
**SUHA TOKMAN**

Oregon All Stars had an excellent experience in Reno. Teams we swam against had some of the best swimmers in the nation. We were well represented and swam very good.

I had the pleasure of oley oley five times during the meet. Kyle Maese's 100 fly 53.72, 200 fly s 2:01.50 and 50 free 22.06 (Kyle missed OSI record by one hundred of a second) and Morgan Scroggy's 400 IM 4:36.58 and 200 free 1:54.34 were the first places we captured.

Behavior was outstanding. We had a really good time visiting Circus Circus Hotel's recreational area after the meet.

Smiling faces, happy swimmers and good performances were some of the indications that All-Star Team accomplished what needed to be done.

All coaches and our amazing managers did their job very well. The Hotel, Food and transportation were absolutely fantastic. Thanks to all swimmers, coaches and managers for a job very well done.

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just wanted to write to say thank you for the wonderful swim meet my daughter was allowed to be a part of in Reno last weekend.

She came home full of enthusiasm for the sport of swimming and a whole new circle of friends.

The trip was well organized and I, as a parent, was very comfortable with how smoothly drop off and pick up at the airport was. My daughter also was very pleased with her accommodations and the food that was provided for the athletes. The coaches were terrific with the kids and she learned so much from her experience.

I just wanted you to know what a SUPER job the coaches and organizers of this meet did from a parents point of view. Again

Thank you for providing our Oregon swimmers the All Star experience!

Sincerely  
Terry Johnson



**2003 Oregon State High School Swimming Championships**  
**Mount Hood Community Center – Gresham, OR**  
**February 21-22, 2003**

**APPLICATION TO OFFICIATE**

About the Meet:

- 1) The competition features two championships: a 3A-2A-1A Meet and another one for 4A schools.
- 2) Assignment priority will be granted to officials volunteering to work all sessions.
- 3) Attire: navy blue bottoms (no shorts) and white shirt or blouse, with white shoes.
- 4) Mandatory officials briefing will be held one hour prior to each session.
- 5) This application must be received by 2-5-2003. Notifications will be mailed as soon as possible.

2003 OSAA STATE HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS, FEBRUARY 21-22

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size (Adult Men's sizing, please circle one) S M L XL XXL

I am available to work all sessions, or

I am available to work the sessions below

I would like to be considered for assignment as a starter or chief judge.

Friday, February 21, 2003

3A Girls and Boys Warm-up 7:00 AM

Officials Briefing 7:30 AM

Preliminaries 8:30 AM

4A Boys Warm-up 12:30 PM

Officials Briefing 1:00 PM

Preliminaries 2:00 PM

4A Girls Warm-up 5:30 PM

Officials Briefing 6:00 PM

Preliminaries 7:00 PM

Saturday, February 22, 2003

3A Girls and Boys Warm-up 7:30 AM

Officials Briefing 8:00 AM

Preliminaries 9:00 AM

4A Girls and Boys Warm-up 2:30 PM

Officials Briefing 3:00 PM

Finals 4:00 PM

Please FAX this application to 503-297-8498 or mail to: Oregon Swimming, Inc.

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