



Oregon Swimming News

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JEFF GUDMAN VICE PRESIDENT NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION USA SWIMMING

At a recent swim meet I was asked about USA Swimming SWIMS program, how it worked and why at times did it appear to take more than a few days to get results posted on the USA Swimming web site and the Oregon Swimming web site. Plus, what was the relation between SWIMS (USA Swimming) and the Oregon Swimming times data base. All these are good questions.

The process begins with the club hosting the meet. At the end of the meet you will often see coaches clustered around the “crows nest” administration area waiting for the disk containing all the results of the meet. Copies of the results are also forwarded to the appropriate person or persons in the Local Swimming Committee (LSC). Oregon Swimming is one of 59 LSCs throughout the country. At this point the process splits into two parts....the Oregon Swimming part and the USA Swimming part although both parts can use the tools from the USA Swimming SWIMS program for exceptions and/or corrections.

At the Oregon Swimming level, the meet results are run against the SWIMS database for an exception report. What kind of exceptions? Easy...anytime anything from the results of a swimmers race (including leading off a relay) do not match the

SWIMS database an exception is noted. Exceptions include:

- 1) Finding the swimmer listed with one club on the meet results, but another club in the SWIMS database.
- 2) Unregistered swimmers – these are the hardest to correct
- 3) Names not matching.
- 4) Birthdates not matching.
- 5) Other variations

Correcting these exceptions can take up to one hour or more per meet. A volunteer does this work and it is appreciated. The results are then posted to the Oregon Swimming web site and top times database. The exact same process or a similar process is used by LSC's around the country. However, these are fixes at the LSC level and not at the national level, i.e. the SWIMS database.

The best and easiest way of minimizing exceptions is for the host team and the teams entering the meet to use Team Manager as much as possible and to make sure their Team Manager software has all the information recorded the same way as the USA Swimming registration form. The responsibility for this is with each team and swimmer.

That takes care of the LSC side. Now let's explore the USA Swimming side. At the USA Swimming

level, the SWIMS database is used to authenticate the import file for the top times database.

So far, so good. At this point the challenges begin. Another volunteer will upload the files to the USA Swimming database and the results in the file are compared to the registration database. If there are differences between the two, the results of the meet are transferred to a "holding tank" until the differences are corrected. Does that mean that all the swims from a meet where there are differences are placed in the "holding tank"? No, it does not. Just the swims where there are discrepancies.

The person uploading the results must then verify the swimmers registration, or find the correct swimmer in the registration database and match the record up to the swimmers in the meet results file. This sounds easier than it is. As mentioned above, there are a lot of reasons why a result may go into the "holding tank" for correction. When this happens, the person uploading may not be able to proceed without going back to the host club or teams or individuals entering the meet.

At the local level and the national level the decision has been made that there is a higher priority on accuracy over speed. Some LSC's make as many corrections as possible prior to uploading to USA Swimming. Other LSC's upload and then wait and see what goes into the "holding tank". In both cases, the LSC is doing what best fits their circumstances and situation. That is one reason why it sometimes takes more than a few days after a meet is completed before the results are seen on the USA Swimming web site.

Perhaps the easiest way of thinking about the process is one of information going both up and down with a variety of checks and verification procedures built in to provide for accuracy and security of both the data and the athlete. That process can take time.

Another challenge is when teams go to meets outside their own LSC. The responsibility for getting the meet results into the USA Swimming data base lies with the host team and the LSC the host team is in. Oregon Swimming does a pretty good job of getting the results for meets outside Oregon Swimming to get the results for its own internal Top 5 swims or records but for the meet results to get to USA Swimming, they need to go through the local host club and local LSC.

Let's look at the process in another way. There are approximately 230,000 year round swimmers registered in USA Swimming. Let's make some conservative assumptions about those 230,000 swimmers. Assume each swimmer participates in 1 meet each month for a year and at each meet swims 6 races. How many swims would that produce in a year? Answer... a lot and it is a conservative number.

230,000 swimmers * 12 meets per year * 6 races
per meet:

16,560,000 swims per year!!

Let's go one step further. According to the USA Swimming office there is an approximately 2% error rate in swims reported to USA Swimming. What does that mean to an LSC like Oregon Swimming? Let's follow the math.

16,560,000 swims * 2% error = 331,200 swims to be checked.

331,200 swims to check divided by 59 LSCs
divided by 12 months = 467 swims per LSC per month to be checked.

That is a lot of swims to check! What is remarkable is how quickly these swims are checked and then posted to the USA Swimming web site. It is wonderful testament to the great work done by the volunteers and coaches throughout the country.

Does that mean we can not do better? Of course not. But compared to where we were and where we are now, great progress has been made.

If you have not checked out the USA Swimming web site and its ability to slice and dice results, it is truly amazing.

See you at the next meet.

2004 AWARD CEREMONY

November, 21, 2004

Corvallis Oregon

All athletes achieving a 2003/2004 short course (25 yards) and long course (50 meter) TOP 5 times from September 2003 thru August 2004 were recognized at the Award Ceremony in Corvallis.

All athletes who achieved Oregon Swimming records, USA Swimming Top 16 consideration times, attending National Championships and Olympic Trial, earned Scholastic All America Team member were recognized.

This year the Oregon Swimming Female Athlete of the year award recipient was Morgan Scroggy from THSC, Male athlete of the year was Logan Madson from BEND, Age Group coach of the year was Linck Bergen from THSC and Senior Coach of the year was Bud Taylor from MHST.

A media award for support to Oregon competitive swimming was given to the Herald and News in Klamath Falls and News Register in McMinnville. James J Richardson Award: Dick Moody, Coach. Phillips 66 Award: Tim Stevenson, OSI General Chair and referee. Jon Arlin Adapted Swimming Award to Jennifer Butcher, Julie Crisp, Michaela Rutherford, Aaron Paulson, athletes at the Paralympics in Athens. Dick Parker Officials Award, Mark Rieniets

2005 OREGON SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the House of Delegates Meeting in Gresham the 2005 OSI Board of Directors was elected.

General Chair – Tim Stevenson
 Administrative Chair – Rick Guenther
 Senior Chair – Kyle Kimball
 Age Group Chair – Lissa Parker
 Caches Representative – Chris Richmond
 Technical Planning Chair – Alex Nikitin
 Treasurer – Jacki Allender
 Secretary – Mark Rieniets
 Jr Athletes Representative – Logan Storie

NOVEMBER NOTICES

2005 Oregon Swimming Swim Guides. The 2005 Swim Guides are available at

Oregon Swimming Board of Directors Meeting.

The next meeting will in the Multnomah Athletic Club, January 5th 7:00PM, Officials meeting at 6:00PM.

Meet Evaluation forms/verification of membership

All clubs should send a backup (SD3 file) of their meet as soon as you have your entries done for membership verification. Too often, there are athletes in the meet that are not registered. The meet is not insured when this happens!! All teams should use their Hy tek software when sending entries to a meet. All athletes should be entered with their legal names (preferred names added in the appropriate spot) and registration number as it appears on their membership card. This way we don't have problems with membership verification and the times database. Please make sure when you make copies of the meet evaluation form you have the latest version and they should be mailed to Bruce Ludwig.

They are included in the sanction packet.

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.

Safety Marshals. Safety marshals should be highly visible on the pool deck. USA Swimming rule 102.18. USA Swimming donated 5 vests and they can be used at your meet. Contact the office for pick up if you wish to borrow them.

Oregon Swimming Board Meeting Eugene Hilton Wednesday November 3rd, 2004

Meeting called to order by Tim Stevenson at 7:07 p.m.

Attendees: Jacki Allender, David Diamond, Lissa Parker, Amy Emmett, Jeff Gudman, Chris Richmond, Scott Kerr, Rick Guenther, Zach Niles, Craig Martin, Coby Van Anel, Tim Stevenson, Linda Postma, Dawn Marie Woodward, Logan Storie, Mark Rieniets

Mark Rieniets appointed secretary for the meeting

Motion: Accept the minutes of the September meetings with the following amendments:

- Incorrect spelling of Jacki Allender's name corrected
 Under age group report, the last sentence changed to read "Amy circulated to coaches in Oregon LSC, and will submit the answers to the USA Swimming House of Delegates Age Group Committee."

Treasurer (Jacki Allender)

Treasurers report submitted in the board packet.

Motion: Accept Treasurers report as submitted.

Result: Seconded and Passed

Age Group (Amy Emmett)

Had an inquiry about the safety coordinators role. Referred it on to USA swimming.

If there is anyone interested in being an assistant coach for the Zone team, they should get applications in to Amy. Received an email from the Age Group Chair from the Eastern Zones to find out how OSI is integrating 11 and 13 year olds into age group championships.

Senior Report (Gary Leach)

Gary could not make the board meeting as he is celebrating his 31st wedding anniversary. Got a positive report from the altitude camp, and recommends that it is worth repeating this in future years.

Coaches Report (Chris Richmond)

Disbursement committee had met to discuss qualifying times for the spring meet to get reimbursement from Oregon Swimming. Majority consensus was that the NCSA meet times be used for swimmers making these times.

Committee findings: Adopt the 2004 NCSA Junior National Swimming Championship qualifying times as the qualifying times for reimbursement for Tier 3 Championship meets on the reimbursement chart which was approved at the 2004 HOD for the Spring 2005 meets. (The reimbursement was passed at OSI HoD, so no further action required).

Motion: Take USA Summer Junior National meet, and move to Tier II reimbursement.

Result: Seconded and Passed

Motion: Change Article 5 (Oregon Swimming, Inc – Travel Fund), Section II, C.5 to read as follows:

“Swimmers shall compete in a minimum of ~~two~~ three OSI sanctioned meets in the short course season, plus either the OSI Senior Championships or Sectional Championships during the current season, does not include dual meets.”

Result: Seconded and Passed

Athlete Reps (Zach & Logan)

Zach introduced Logan as the newly elected athlete’s representative to the board.

Scheduling (Skip Runkle) - No report

Time Standards- Andy Carlisle

Submitted long course time standards for 11 & 13 years old. They will be included in the next OSI handbook.

Technical Planning (Alex Nikitin) - No report

Web Site (Robbert van Anandel) - No report

Safety Chair (Jeanine Serrano) - No report

Camp Coordinator (Jeanine Serrano) - No report

Officials Chair (Bruce Ludwig) - No report

Adapted (Gene Mielke) - No report

Office Manager/Registration (Coby van Anandel)

Motion: To destroy ballots for the awards ceremony from 2004 OSI House of Delegates

Result: Seconded and Passed

Motion: Allow Albany YMCA to change their registered club name to Albany Tiger Sharks

Result: Seconded and Passed

Clubs should strongly consider having their Safety Marshal’s at OSI swim meets wear bright identifying shirts to make themselves visible and clearly identify them as safety marshals.

USA dues have gone up by \$1 this year, please be aware.

Sanctions Chair (Mark Rienets) - No report

Awards (Lise Thom) - No report

Awards Ceremony (Marianne Gunderson)

Top 5 will be in Corvallis this year, and again next year. There will be no bio’s read out for the swimmers this year to simplify and expedite the ceremony.

Star Chair (Jacki Allender)

It is important to get the athletes information in the club’s team management database in line with registration. A lot of problems encountered with getting meet results into the USA Database would be avoided if the club took the time to ensure their club databases are accurate and consistent with the registration information.

Records (Cyndi King) - No report

All Star Team

Applications for Zone Assistant coach and for the Zone team are in the OSI newsletter and on the web site. At this time 4 assistant coaches have applied, but no new coaches.

The team is going to Edmonton this year, but this will be that last year for that trip. The top athletes eligible for the zone and all star team will be invited to join the team and will

not need to apply if they accept the invitation. The remainder of the team will be filled out by application. New patches have been ordered for all star team.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Safety Marshal’s at Swim Meet

Safety Marshals must be registered as non-athletic members of USA swimming, or they could be in breach of USA Swimming insurance rules. Discussion was held on ways to help enforce this. Amy Emmett suggested that clubs who do not have enough parents registered as non-athlete members of USA Swimming could ask visiting teams with registered parents to assist as safety marshals

OSI LSC Privacy Policy

Tim Stevenson submitted the following policy for consideration for adoption as the OSI Privacy policy:

Privacy Policy

To clarify the issue of publishing information regarding USA Swimming members by OSI LSC and by committees of OSI LSC, the following policy is being presented for approval:

It shall be the policy of OSI LSC that the following information, and only the following information, shall be

acceptable for publication in any form, including but not limited to the world wide web, regarding any OSI LSC member without the express written authorization from the athlete, if of majority; the athlete's parent/guardian, if a minor; or the non-athlete member:

name, age in years, club affiliation, time and place achieved in an event, and any awards or honors received by the athlete.

It shall be the policy of OSI LSC that USA Swimming membership numbers and "trouble lists" (either registration or monetary) shall not be published on the web.

Motion: Adopt the policy as submitted.

Result: Seconded and Passed

Jeff Gudman reported that the number of male swimmers registered with USA Swimming shows a strong growth trend, but males as a percentage of registered athlete's remains low. "Males in Swimming USA Swimming task force" has been meeting for some months and will submit a report with recommendations for clubs struggling to recruit and retain male swimmers soon.

Tim Stevenson reported that future telephone conference meeting of the Executive Board of OSI will be using a Telephone Conferencing facility rather than daisy chaining all the members together with 3 way calling.

Mark Rieniets asked if the OSI Board would consider the OSCA challenge from the house of delegates to match their donation to Mark Maxwell.

Motion: OSI to match the OSCA donation of \$1,000 to Mark Maxwell.

Result: Seconded and Passed

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Result: Seconded and Passed

Next Executive Board Meeting: December 1, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. by Teleconference.

Next Board Meeting: 7:00 p.m. on January 5th 2005 at the MAC .

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Parkrose Swim Club is seeking an Age Group/Novice Coach for a year around competitive swimming program. Interested applicants should possess as a minimum either a current lifeguard or safety training for swim coaches certificate, plus CPR/First Aid certificate, and a minimum of 1 year competitive swim coaching experience. Current certification as a USA swimming and/or ASCA certified Swim Coach is desired but not required at time of application. Compensation is negotiable based upon qualifications and experience.

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to:

Parkrose Swim Club

P.O. Box 301605

Portland, Or 97294-9605

e-mail to johntopbills@comcast.net

Sweet Home Swim Club is seeking a Coach for a year round age group competitive swimming program. Interested applicants should possess as a minimum either a current Lifeguard or Safety Training for Swim Coaches certificate, plus a CPR and First Aid certificate, and a minimum of 1 year competitive swim coaching experience. Current certification as a USA Swimming and/or ASCA certified Swim Coach is desired but not required at time of application. Applicants must be able to pass a satisfactory background check. Compensation is negotiable based upon qualifications and experience.

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to:

Coach Search

Sweet Home Swim Club

PO Box 593

Sweet Home, Oregon 97386

Or via e-mail to: martin51011@comcast.net

Willamalane Swim Club located in Springfield, OR. is seeking an age group coach to work with our 12&U swimmers. We are looking for a coach with a strong background in stroke mechanics and drills. This group trains Monday-Friday and also takes part in swim meets on the weekends. We have practice at newly renovated Willamalane Swim Center located at G Street in Springfield. We are looking for candidates that have coached USS swim team for at least the last two years, and are enthusiastic with any age swimmer and have good communication skills. Pay will be based on experience.

For more information contact Jialin Hu , (Head Coach) 541-689-6633 or jialinhu1@hotmail.com

Please e-mail resumes with three references to:

jialinhu1@hotmail.com or mail to:

Willamalane Swim Club

PO Box 633

Springfield OR

ALL-STAR MEET SWIMMER APPLICATION

Quad All Star Meet,
Long Beach, California, January 21-23, 2005

Swimmer's Name: _____ M/F

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

USA Swimming#: _____ Club: _____ Phone: _____

Coach Name: _____ Your age (on January 22, 2005): _____

Enter best short course yards and long course meters times for **ALL** the following applicable events: (Must have a minimum of one current short Age Group Sectional time. For short course time standards, 11-12 yr. old use 12 yr. old time standards, 13-14 yr. old use 14 yr. old time standards). **The times you list below must have been achieved since June 1, 2004.**

Event	SC Y Time	LC M Time	LC M Time	Date Achieved	Meet at which this time achieved
200 Free					
100 Fly					
50 Free					
200 IM (11-12)					
400 IM (13-14)					
100 Free					
100 Breast					
500 Free					
100 IM (11-12)					
200 IM (13-14)					
100 Back					
* 50 Back (Relay)					
* 50 Breast (Relay)					
* 50 Fly (Relay)					

- **Please circle the events for which you have achieved a qualifying time. Please include *50 yard times for Relays.**
- **Please Note: Since short course times will most likely reflect your most recent performances, they will receive priority consideration in the selection process. It would be helpful to attach a current Hytek copy of the swimmers best times.**
- **IMPORTANT:** This form must be signed by your coach in the space below. Coach's signature verifies that the times have been achieved in competition since June 1, 2004.
- Coaches, please use the space provided for comments you may wish to make regarding the swimmers events, conditioning, etc.
- **Coach's signature verifies that swimmers level of conditioning is appropriate for this competition and that to the best of your knowledge, the times listed are accurate and were achieved on the date and at the meet indicated.**

Coach's Signature: _____

Coach's Comments: _____

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOON, December 20th, 2004 LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED!

The Estimated cost of this trin is \$300

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Mail to: Oregon Swimming, Inc. 1750 SW Skyline Blvd Suite 103 Portland OR 97221
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