

Records and Tabulation Minutes

Date/Time of meeting: Oct 30, 2011, 7pm EST (Conference Call)

Present: Cav Cavanaugh, Greg Danner (Vice Chair), Barbara Dunbar, Laszlo Eger, Emmett Hines, Donna Hooe, Anna Lea Matysek, Jim Matysek, Ginger Pierson, Walt Reid, Jeanne Seidler, Chris Stevenson (Chair), Mary Sweat, Ed Tsuzuki, Mary Beth Windrath.

Motions Passed

None.

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7pm EST.

Informational: GTO revision

Opening comments revolved around TTR's not willing to upload meet results and whether this should be a stated responsibility. Additionally, in many instances, TTR's who upload results are not following the rules for Top Ten. One example is not verifying pool measurements prior to submitting a meet. Some TTR's don't understand the basic rules of what can/cannot be submitted while being showing the web tools. Simplification of the GTO in this topic is suggested by committee members.

One Event / Web Tools

The committee discussed adding a One Event category in the web tools for meet results submission (adding to member, non-member, and foreigner options). This would be useful for insurance/injury questions and if someone wanted to see if the one event payment was made to USMS. Also, this would also pave way for the possibility that a full member could see historical times if they previously competed as a One Event member. Jim indicated it would be possible to tie their permanent ID to those earlier times. Committee members discussed whether all times from a sanctioned/recognized meet should be included in top times even if they are not eligible for top ten. Some members do not upload all the times from a meet, to include non-members or One Event members. It was noted that this is an acceptable practice. Sometimes names are misspelled and listed as non-members, so everyone should be uploaded or all the names can be verified in advance.

The committee has not decided on an official policy for submitting all swims/swimmers versus only submitted registered member times.

Side note: Most TTR's do not want to learn how to use Hy-Tek and are not familiar with it. This makes editing meet results (prior to submission) undesirable for some LMSCs.

Discussion about meet results DB

The bulk of the discussion revolved around the inclusion of non-members/OEV members in the meet results db. A larger example of this is Senior Games competitions where the entire meet will be uploaded, when roughly half the swimmers are USMS members. Committee members pointed out that non-members/OEV swimmers have indicated they can see how they rank regardless their membership status. Is USMS providing a service intended only for annual members? The committee is mostly approving of continuing to list all times in meet results and indicating which swimmers are not full members.

A committee member expressed concern about the validity of OEV membership information and the potential for misrepresentation.

What to do with “automatically recognized” meets (USA-S and FINA-member meets)?

Committee members discussed different examples of requests for USA-S meet inclusion in the USMS MRDB and Top Ten. Most of these are for individual swimmers. Although it is uncommon for a USA-S meet to have multiple USMS members from different LMSCs, there are concerns for a meet such as USA-S Nationals. Under the current policy, LMSC TTR’s would essentially be creating several “meets” in the DB, when in fact there was only one. Jim indicated this is not a problem. The committee agreed that each LMSC will continue to take care of its own swimmers per the current policy. The individual swimmer needs to contact their TTR and verify pool measurements as needed.

Initial distances at nationals

As previously noted in forum discussions, many times (splits) submitted to Top Ten are never in event rankings. This was a concern for some swimmers. Sometimes splits are submitted without the swimmer’s knowledge or consent. USA-S does not list all splits in their DB. This would arguably include too much data. On the opposing side, automatic split results remove the hassle of having all split requests required individually. The meet host decides whether they want blanket split requests.

Committee members suggested including (s) or (r) so people know what type of swim it was.

Initial split requests must be requested by the swimmer to appear in DB, but will go to top ten automatically. Relay splits are legitimate events and should automatically go to meet results database. This is the policy with Nationals and can be done for local meets where officials have verified the legitimacy of the races.

Misc matters:

One committee member questioned splits counting toward the USMS All-Star achievement. Chris noted that current policy is that All-Star status is determined by event ranking, which includes splits, so a policy change would be necessary. Committee members agreed with the current policy.

When running a meet where USA-S swimmers are permitted, it is suggested that the meet director checks with the LSC of the proposed entrant to determine membership status. An alternative method can be checking the SWIMS database to see if the athlete has any times from the current season.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm EST.