

2010 USAS Convention Dallas, Texas

SWIMS/TIMES Workshop

Most of this workshop was a presentation of the NCAA Division 1, 2 and 3 and FINA new user groups. These organizations provide a revenue stream for the enhancements that they use and have provided for an increase in 1 full time staff and 2 part time staff.

Unfortunately, this has absolutely nothing to do with my job. I asked several times if USA would ever add short course meter times to the TIMES recon report that we use for multiple meets throughout the year and was told several times in several ways that there were no plans to add this enhancement.

If your club runs a scm meet or needs times from those meets for proofs, please email USAswimming and maybe it will happen someday.

6,334 meets were loaded September 1, 2009-August 21, 2010. (WI loaded 133)

7,237,454 times were loaded during the same time frame. (WI loaded 164,580 i.e. and 6870 relays)

49, 205 meets have been loaded since 1975; 44,253,705 times are in the database.

Meet hosts are encouraged to have their pools certified.

Risk Management Workshop

I only attended the end of this workshop due to a scheduling conflict that hasn't happened in the past. Most information is online and people should read it carefully so they know what is/is not covered.

Safety Officer no longer required.

Sandy Blumit and Carol Burch do this presentation annually and will also present at Swimposiums. Highly recommend.

Athlete Welfare Education (Child Welfare League of America)

Good overview of child abuse and neglect in America. Presentation available online.

Registration workshop cancelled so we could attend this instead.

As part of USA's athlete protection policies, a DVD will be sent to every athlete family.

Clubs will have new mandatory preemployment screening for new hires and volunteers.

Online Predators

This was the same excellent presentation as last year about internet safety.

Mike Sullivan (IL) would also be an excellent Swimposium speaker.

Other available at www.icactraining.org

Registration/Membership Committee Business Meeting

This was very disappointing because no one knew what would happen pending legislation on Saturday. Possibilities were not discussed. No vendors are in place or

system upgrades ready to go for the new rule that all non athlete members must undergo a background screen.

New transfer procedures were discussed. Old clubs should receive automatic notification about transfers in case there are debts to settle. However no program enhancements exist to make this automatic at this time.

LSC Leadership Workshop

Sue Anderson from USAswimming presented this excellent workshop. There will be a (un-named) stick for those LSCs who don't complete LEAP level 1 and carrots (financial) for those that complete level 2 and 3. USA Rules must approve all new/changed by laws so it is highly recommended to put most rules into the policy manual. A lot of things were covered that we had already done for LEAP--mission, vision., conflict of interest, whistleblower (Should have attended last year!!)

Intro to OME for LSCs

Cost is free to clubs. USA will keep 4% of meet entries paid for by credit card.
Registration and times are verifies IF the athlete is registered.
Host can export file to MM but not upload entries.
Entering coaches are urged to start early.

Registration Forum-Best Practices

Many questions not answered.

Clubs should be sure to enter ALL information on diversity/ethnicity into export file.
Information can affect grant money.

Club portals:

Current roster always available (updated everyday)

Trends report

Non athlete membership report

Clubs must determine who gets password (one given to be shared if necessary)

Passwords to clubs issued by Carrie Waters at USA.

Update October 11, 2010

As of this date no vendor has been chosen for the new criminal background screen for coaches and non athletes. Enhancements to SWIMS to effect the new requirements have not been established.

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