

Michigan Swimming Office
Annual Report from the Meet and Sanctioning Chair/Times Chair/Webmaster

To all Michigan Swimming members:

It has been an extremely busy time in the Michigan Swimming Office. There have been many requests for the sanctioning of On the Published Schedule and Off the Published Scheduled meets. In addition, there have been several requests for Approved meets and an unprecedented number of new requests for Observed meets.

The additional Observed meet requests so far this season include the Oakland County Red meet, the Oakland County Championship meet, the MAC Championship meet, the MAC Last Chance Meet, and both the Girls and Boys MISCA meets. We are still waiting to hear from MHSAA concerning whether they will be requesting observation for the Girls and Boys High School State Championship meets. Also, the University of Michigan has notified me that they are preparing their forms for the observation of all of their home meets.

During the 2014-15 season there were 129 meets with assigned numbers. 100 Sanctioned meets, 12 Approved meets, and 17 Observed meets. The Approved and Observed meets do take a longer period of time for the processing of the results. They first must be purged of any non USA Swimming registered athletes before the times are uploaded into SWIMS and the results are posted to the website.

While attending the Times and Recognition Committee meetings at Convention, I learned that most of the committee members use the same methodology that I use. In the Times and Recognition business meeting there were several different methods discussed but all agreed that it was just an extremely time consuming process no matter which method was used. I have attached the final assigned numbers list for the 2014-15 season and the list, to date, for the 2015-16 season with this report.

So far in the 2015-16 season I have already assigned numbers for 28 meets. The breakdown to date is 22 Sanctioned and 6 Observed meets. The queue, which was agreed to be handled on a month by month basis, already has meet sanctioning requests going out to February 2016. As of this writing there are 2 November meets, 6 December meets, and 2 February meets in the queue. The breakdown is 2 Approved meet requests, 2 Off the Published Schedule requests and 6 On the Published Schedule requests.

To help Host Clubs get the word out early about their meet, I worked with Mike Cutler to develop a "Save the Date" document which can be used. This does not replace the Meet Information Packet but can be used as an early Meet Announcement form. This was shown at the Meet Host/Meet Director workshop as part of the series of Officials Clinics held in September. The attendance to this workshop was very low again this year but several hosts that did come are first time meet hosts. The document can be found on the MS website under the FORMS/Meet Host tab.

I have tried to keep the website fresh by adding photos submitted by members. Few have submitted photos to date but I continue to hope more will be submitted. I will again put the message about this out to the membership, as I have in the past.

While attending one of the governance workshops at Convention, we were showed how other LSCs use their Core Values to get their message out. Many photos were shown of

groups of athletes, teams, coaches, parents, and officials holding placards printed with each word of their Core Values and wearing T-Shirts with the individual words of their Core Values on the back and their slogan on the front. A great and effective way to get their message out in a fun and inclusive way.

With a new MS logo being voted on at this HOD meeting we can finally decide on a new look for our website. As part of our free use of a TeamUnify website, we were also given a one-time free website design element that has not been used so far. I am hoping to have some input from the Strategic Planning Seminar being held this Sunday with ideas for the background design. Any ideas from anyone in the LSC would also be greatly appreciated.

Thank all of you for a great year with Michigan Swimming. I look forward to serving all within our LSC and to see the quality meets that are hosted and the great times that are being achieved by the athletes, with the guidance by their coaches and parents, of our LSC. Please contact me with anything you feel I can be of assistants with.

Respectfully submitted,

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