Michigan Swimming
Proposed Legislation

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This form must be submitted a minimum of 20 days prior to the Board of Directors Meeting to be acted upon at that meeting. (Copies of all proposed legislation will be sent to all Board Members and clubs along with the agenda.)

Date Submitted: Feb 2010 ***Date of Board Meeting to be discussed:*** HoD

Name of Legislation: ***Deck Entries at Meets***

Description of Issue:
Proposed new rule for Deck Entries at Meets (see BB. Page 26 of R&P).
Current rule provides for sending file of athlete database to host club for use in verifying athlete membership for those athletes wishing to deck enter who are not already in the meet. This is not workable for the following reasons:

1. Host clubs do not like the file—too large (contains about 6,000 names), too slow, not searchable, etc.
2. Hosts are not consistently using the file and, occasionally, an unregistered athlete is allowed to swim.
3. Creation of the file is just one more thing for the MS Office to do and the users must be taught how to use it.
4. The REPORTS section of the Club Portal is new this year and allows the coach or club meet entry coordinator access to the current registrations for their club. This is available from the USA Swimming website and a password is required to view the REPORTS tab. The REPORTS section is linked to SWIMS and is updated as soon as athletes are registered. It was added to the portal by USA Swimming specifically for this purpose. Clubs and coaches may print this to use as proof of membership.

Requested New Rule or Procedure:
See text below.

Proposed Effective Date: September 1, 2010

BB. Deck Entries at Meets

If deck entries are allowed at a MS Sanctioned or Approved swim meet as indicated in the meet announcement, a USA athlete may deck enter an event only after the meet host has verified the athlete is a currently registered USA athlete. This may be accomplished either by 1) reviewing the athlete's current USA athlete membership card (the meet host can require this option if the meet host so chooses and it is clearly stated in the meet announcement) or 2) by checking against ~~Michigan Swimming's current athlete database~~ the athlete roster report from the Club Portal. ~~The Michigan Swimming Office will provide the MS athlete database to all meet hosts that accept deck entries no later than the day prior to the start of the meet.~~ Clubs will be responsible for printing and/or providing a current copy of this roster at the meet if the club has athletes that wish to deck enter.

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Action: ***(Adopted by Board) (Adopted by Board with modification) (Board recommends rejection) (Board recommends referral to House of Delegates)***