

## **Current Rule as described in Michigan Swimming, Inc. Policies and Procedures posted December 2012.**

Current Rule with proposed changes highlighted.

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**Check In:** Check In will be available as of *[insert time]*. Check in is mandatory for all events and is required by the time set forth in this meet announcement. Failure to check in will cause the swimmer to be scratched from **all** events in that session. .

Check in sheets will be posted *[insert location of check in]*.

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**Marshaling:** [Describe exact type of marshaling, i.e. marshaled, self-marshaled, etc.]  
*[Suggested text for marshaled meet: Swimmers will be responsible for reporting to the marshaling area when their event is called.]*

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**Check In:** Check In will be available as of *[insert time]*. Check in is mandatory for all events and is required by the time set forth in this meet announcement. Failure to check in will cause the swimmer to be scratched from **all** events in that session. ***Check in will close 15 minutes after the start of warm up for each session.***

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**Marshaling:** [Describe exact type of marshaling, i.e. marshaled, selfmarshaled, etc.] *[Suggested text for marshaled meet: Swimmers will be responsible for reporting to the marshaling area when their event is called.]*

## **Reason for proposed change:**

This rule was put in place when MI Swimming changed its format from pre-seeded meets to deck seeded meets. The penalty was put in place to discourage swimmers from checking in and that not showing up for their event.

The change is being proposed because it is punitive rather than educational. At our recent 14 & under Long Course State Meet there was no penalty for missing

an event. At the 14 & under Zone Meet in Topeka, KS, where National Scratch rules were used there was no penalty for missing a timed final event.

If a meet host, particularly in a prelim / final meet, wants to apply stricter standards they may do so by adding appropriate language to their meet announcement.

**Recommended effective date:**

Immediately.

**Proposed by: Dan Meconis August 10, 2013**