

Michigan Swimming

FORM FOR PROPOSED NEW RULE OR PROCEDURE

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This form should 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 for their consideration, recommendation and possible Approval.) This form can also be used to submit Rule and Procedure proposals at the House of Delegates.

Date Submitted: July 25, 2010

Date of Board Meeting to be discussed: July 25, 2010 or next meeting

Affected Rule or Procedure: new rule for late state meet entry

Description of Issue:

Over the years a coach or an entry chair will make an honest mistake when making a State Meet entry: e.g. failing to enter a swimmer at all or missing a swimmers event(s). Not surprisingly, this can cause great stress for all the parties involved in the entire process. There is no standardized way of handling this. Typically the matter is referred to the Meet Referee, although sometimes the meet host has handled it. In short, complete inconsistency. I have noticed in recent meet announcements (such as our Central Zone Summer Sectional) a provision to handle this type of situation. The verbiage below mirrors these provisions.

Requested New Rule or Procedure:

Inadvertent Omission

Entry Exception

A Coach or an Entry Chair who has made an honest mistake and inadvertently failed to enter a swimmer and/or a swimmer in an event by the entry deadline may then do so by: **a)** entering the athlete(s) and/or event(s) by the start of the general meeting which occurs prior to the beginning of the meet, **b)** paying a fee of \$50 per swimmer or \$100 per relay and double the entry fee for the event, and **c)** providing a paper proof of time (meet results) to the Meet Referee at the time of the entry. If the swimmer is allowed to compete under this subsection, the heats will not be reseeded and the swimmer will be seeded in an open lane in the slowest heat. These fees will go to the meet host for the administrative burden resulting from late entry. If there is a question as to whether the omission was actually "inadvertent", the Meet Referee shall use his or her discretion in determining the matter. The Meet Referee's decision is final and non appealable.

Proposed by (must be a current member): Kirk Nissley, MS NTV

Club: Unattached

Board Action:

(Adopted by Board) _____

(Adopted by Board with modification) _____

(Board recommends rejection) _____

(Board recommends referral to House of Delegates) _____