

2011 Montana Swimming Times Report

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2011 was a fast successful year for our Montana Swimming athletes. For the year, there were 38 Montana Swimming meets loaded into the SWIMS data base with 28,122 individual times and 374 relay times loaded. In 2010, 40 meets were loaded into the SWIMS database with 29,354 individual times and 328 relays.

NAG Top 10 Times

The 2011 National Age Group (NAG) Top 10 times for short course yards and long course meters are being finalized. With the preliminary results in, I would like to congratulate the following swimmers for achieving Top 10 NAG swims this past year:

In yards:

- 5th place, Hanni Leach, MAC, age 13, 100 yard backstroke, 55.45 seconds
- 6th place, Hanni Leach, MAC, age 13, 200 yard backstroke, 2:02.33
- 7th place, Jenna Marsh, BAC, age 15, 100 yard freestyle, 50.61 seconds
- 9th place, Lew Yong Gerbrandt, BTST, age 17, 100 yard butterfly, 54.41 seconds

In long course meters:

- 7th place, Hanni Leach, MAC, age 14, 100 meter LCM backstroke, 1:04.64.

In the top 20 results for LCM, Hanni Leach, MAC, 14, had a 15th place finish in the 200 backstroke; Whitney Peters, BOZ, 14, had an 11th place finish in the 200 breaststroke; and Lew Yong Gerbrandt, BTST, 17, had a 16th place finish in the 100 butterfly.

Scholastic All America

In preliminary Scholastic All American results for women only, Montana had two team qualifiers. The team will be announced in late October or early November. Congratulations to Kaitlyn Kleppelid of HLST. Special congratulations to Miranda Tornatore of MAC who is a three time Scholastic All America qualifier. Miranda is the first three time qualifier from Montana since I was appointed to the Scholastic All America committee. I don't have the men's results at this time.

Meet Qualifier Report

In reviewing the meet qualifier report from SWIMS, the following is a list of the number of swimmers who achieved each time standard and meet qualification by age group and gender for 2011.

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Time Standard</u>	<u>Boys</u>
10& Under	0	AAAA	1
	8	AAA	4
	12	AA	10
	22	A	15
	77	BB	35
	115	B	49

Age Group	Girls	Time Standard	Boys
11-12	0	AAAA	3
	3	AAA	6
	13	AA	9
	27	A	13
	67	BB	27
	89	B	32
13-14	1	Summer Nats LCM	0
	1	Winter Nats SCY	0
	2	US Open	0
	2	Summer Jrs LCM	0
	2	AAAA	1
	6	AAA	5
	21	AA	10
	41	A	18
	69	BB	29
	74	B	33
15-16	2	Winter Nats SCY	0
	4	US Open	0
	1	Summer Jrs LCM	0
	5	AAAA	2
	12	AAA	8
	19	AA	18
	34	A	25
	58	BB	34
17-18	51	B	26
	1	Summer Nats LCM	0
	1	Winter Nats SCY	0
	3	US Open	1
	1	Summer Jrs LCM	1
	0	Winter Jrs SCY	1
	3	AAAA	3
	6	AAA	8
	13	AA	18
	18	A	22
	22	BB	24
	22	B	15
Open	0	Summer Jrs LCM	1
	1	AAAA	1
	1	AAA	2
	2	AA	2
	2	A	3
	3	BB	2
	0	B	2

2011 Montana Swimming Top 10 LCM Times

I have the 2011 long course top 10 times reports generated by age group and gender that I will be happy to e-mail to anyone who would like a copy. Please specify age group and gender if you'd like a specific grouping.

Times and Meet Recon

The major problem I've had in dealing with loading times this past year has been erroneous data. While there have been a few times errors, most of the errors are registration errors. Swimmers are entered into meets with their names spelled incorrectly, birthdates or USAS ID numbers incorrect, or swimmers entered without using their correct legal first name and middle initial. All of these errors produce significant errors in SWIMS, Swim Connection, and the Montana Swimming times data bases. In Montana teams are required to complete a registration recon check before every meet and correct any registration errors. All too often this is not being done. The resulting errors take hours of time to correct. For swimmers, parents, and coaches looking for results after the meet, erroneous data loaded into the data base means those results don't show up. This will be a much bigger problem for everyone looking for real time results in the new Deck Pass program. Please teams send in the meet registration recon report to Lanni Jacobson before every meet and correct your data. Teams, please correct your Team Manager data bases so you send in correct entry data to meets. Coaches and parents, if you find an error in the SWIMS data base, please let me know ASAP so it can be corrected. Thank you to Lanni Jacobson for all your help this past year in correcting the meet registration errors. Thank you to BAC for spotting some errors in SWIMS and notifying me.

At this time, the following swimmers have results that have not been loaded into the SWIMS data base because there are errors in the data. All these swimmers show as not being registered for the 2011 year and all competed in meets in Montana over the summer. The error may be that his/her name is misspelled and I don't know how to correct it or it may be that the swimmer is simply not registered. Teams please contact me and let me know how to correct the errors. Thank you for your help. Brooke Bothner, BOZ; Mikayla DeTienne, HLST; Sophia Fero, MYST; Melia Gollhofer, BOZ; Lorelei Keith, HLST; Danielle Malaski, BOZ; Benjamin A. Richardson, MYST; Dane Sobek, UN; Shalee Tamcke, HLST; and Jonathan t Wolgamot, MYST. I did clear the times for Hannah Clark, HLST, to her 2010 registration, but she was not registered for 2011.

Swim Connection and Deck Pass

I really like Swim Connection because it e-mails the meet results to the swimmers, parents, or coaches (whoever is signed to get results) after the meets. But because meet results are sent to me with errors, those errors are loaded into Swim Connection. Unlike SWIMS, I can't correct the errors myself. Instead I have to find all the errors and then ask Swim Connection to correct the errors which takes a tremendous amount of time on my part. Again if teams would do the registration recon check prior to the meet starts and correct the data, many of the errors would be eliminated.

There are a couple other problems that have happened. Lanni Jacobson sends me the swimmer registration file which I upload into Swim Connection. Because of some problem on the Swim Connection side, not all of the registrations are uploaded and added into the data base each time. I've worked with Lanni to be certain we have all the swimmers data to upload first.

I've spoken with Swim Connection about the problem, but for whatever reason the problem hasn't been completely corrected and I can't correct it on the Montana Swimming side of the data base. I am still working with Swim Connection to correct the problem and hopefully it will be resolved this year. I do have two contacts at Swim Connection who are working on this item. Thank you to Amy Mullen with PWST for contacting me about the problem and again thank you to Lanni Jacobson for all her help.

Finally I have spent considerable time trying to get the time standards updated. I still don't understand why the standards have not been updated, but only Swim Connection can make those updates. I have sent the time standards to Swim Connection and they have worked to correct some problems but others remain. Thank you to Jade and Shelly Sobek at BOZ for assisting me with this problem.

Finally with the new Deck Pass from USA Swimming, I thought perhaps we could just use Deck Pass to send meet results to families in much the same manner as Swim Connection, but it won't completely work. Times for 8 and under 25 yard/meter events are not stored in SWIMS so none of these times would be sent with Deck Pass. Also, time standards specific for Montana swimmers such as age group sectionals or zones also aren't available in SWIMS. Montana Swimming is keeping Swim Connection for the next year and hopefully the problems will be worked out. I think Deck Pass will be a great new tool for all of us and I encourage everyone to sign up for a Deck Pass account. If you have a My USA Swimming account it will automatically be converted to Deck Pass. Please know that times (and registrations) don't instantaneously show up in SWIMS. I was told repeatedly by USA Swimming to "manage expectations for your swimmers, parents and coaches". It does take time to get results from a meet to me and loaded into SWIMS. It won't be instantaneous, but it will be reasonably fast.

Thank you all for your help over the past year. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your times officer this past year. To all the teams who did the registration recon reports and sent me clean data, THANK YOU!! For everyone in Montana Swimming, you are doing an amazing job in the pool and our swimmers just keep getting faster and faster. Thank you swimmers, coaches, parents, and all the volunteers for all the hard work you do to make Montana Swimming a great LSC. I'm looking forward to seeing Montana swimmers at the Olympic Trials next summer. Best wishes for a great 2012 in and out of the pool!