

Records Chair Report
Montana Swimming, Spring 2014 HOD Meeting
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Again a reminder. I track in-state meets as I post those results on the web site. I also track the Sectional meets, Zone meets, Nationals, and Junior Nationals Meets. You should not have to send me any reminders for those meets, unless you see results posted and records NOT updated. Also if your swimmer desires a record certificate, please let me know, as I only print those by request.

Still having problems tracking RELAY records, due to the fact that few meets actually use our age group structure for their meet age classifications for relay races. A reminder to coaches to help track your relay teams and to notify me if you believe a record may have been set at a particular meet.

OPEN RECORDS

In doing some research to attempt to codify and (hopefully) clarify what constitutes a valid record, I came across an interesting tidbit. Back in 2010 (before I had inherited this job) it seems the HOD passed a resolution that called for the tracking of an OPEN class of records. This rule had never been implemented. So I spent a few weeks in March, going thru the records database and extracting a complete set of Long Course and Short Course OPEN class records. An OPEN class record is one which does not account for the swimmer's age in setting the record. In many cases our state's fastest times are performed by our 15-16 year old swimmers. These swimmers hold the OPEN class records as well as their respective age group records.

The OPEN class records database has now been fully implemented and is posted on the Montana Swimming Web site.

HISTORICAL RECORDS

Since taking on the position of Records Chair, I have kept a record of all new records in an EXCEL file that allows me to keep older records as well. I have begun the process of studying the historical data provided to me in order to attempt to put together a comprehensive record tracking all MT records since they were begun to be recorded in 1975. This has turned out to be a larger project than I had originally planned and will be an ongoing project for the remainder of the year. I will provide an update on the progress of this project at the Fall HOD meeting.

2013-2014 RECORDS RECAP

There were a total of 51 new records set this past Short Course season, by a total of 11 different swimmers. Jack Leuthold led the season off setting 4 records in 2 meets early in the season. Jack went on to set 7 individual records in a single meet in late January at his home town meet, the BAC Rocky Mountain. Cale Berkoff came on strong late in the season, setting 2 records at SC State, then 4 at Senior Sectionals and finishing with 3 more at AG Sectionals. Pete Kotson, Adam Zimmer and Connor Funke set the remainder of the 28 male records. Hanni Leach set 11 female records this season, with Kate Zimmer setting 3, and Mira Darham, Andrea Schmidt and Mari Aoki also contributing. This total only counts final records set. Some records were set in both prelims and finals at the same event.

Additionally there were 7 new relay records set this season, with all but 1 being set by the MAC girls at 3 meets.

Once again the highlight of the season was the Short Course Sectional Meet held in Federal Way, WA. Twelve (15) new Montana Swimming State Records were set this year at this meet.

Records Set From May 1, 2013 to Aug 30, 2013

Boys

- 28 Individual Records were recorded this past season
 - Jack Leuthold (BAC) 11-12 y.o. - 11 records
 - Cale Berkoff (MAC) 13-14 y.o. - 9 records
 - Adam Zimmer (MAC) 15-16 y.o. - 5 records
 - Peter Kotson (HLST) 17-19 y.o. - 2 records
 - Connor Funke (BY) 13-14 y.o. - 1 record

Girls:

- 16 Individual Records were recorded this past season
 - Hanni Leach (MAC) 15-16 y.o. - 11 records
 - Kate Zimmer (MAC) 17-19 y.o. - 4 records
 - Mari Aoki (BOZ) 13-14 y.o. - 2 records
 - Mira Darham (MAC) 15-16 y.o. - 1 record
 - Andrea Schmidt(MAC) 15-16 y.o. - 1 record

Records achieved by Meet:

- HOT Harvest Splash - 3 records
- WY Candy Cane open - 1 record
- Winter Nationals - 2 records
- Winter JR Nationals - 7 records + 2 F Relays
- BAC Rocky Mountain - 7 records (1 swimmer)
- MAC Winterfest - 1 record
- SC State - 5 records + 1 F Relay
- Senior Sectionals - 12 records + 3F Relays + 9 Open
- Age Group Sectionals - 6 records + 1 F Relay

Current Practice of Records Keeping – the following practices were inherited from the previous records chair and are still in effect.

1. Records Chair checks all in-state meets as well as regional, zone, and sectional meets routinely seeing Montana participation. Additionally, any other meets brought to his attention by coaches, parents, etc involving Montana swimmers are checked for records, as long as they are USA sanctioned and HY-TEK files are available. It is the responsibility of the swimmer's coach to submit the necessary HY-TEK TM file for the meet in regards to out-of-state meets.
2. Records Chair passes all records on to John Heryla, Webmaster, who places them on the Montana Swimming web site. Only the current record is kept. Older records are not kept.
3. Records Chair keeps a HY-TEK Team Manager file with updated records, and makes it available to swim meet hosts who want to include records in meet programs.
4. Records Certificate. It is the responsibility of the coaches or team representatives to fill out a records application form if a records certificate is desired. This form can also be used to notify the Records Chair of potential records swum in meets not regularly checked by the Records Chair. The Records Chair will also accept application forms from parents, in-laws, and second cousins. On the form, the applicant should indicate where the certificates should be sent: swimmer, coach, team representative,

etc. Whenever possible the record certificate will be delivered at the next meet/event that both the record Chair and Team coach are present.

5. The Records Chair, upon receiving an application form and verifying the record, prepares, signs, and sends out certificates to Montana record setters.
6. Records are kept for USA Swimming sanctioned meets. College or nonsanctioned high school meets are not considered. The Montana State High School Championships are included as long as they are USA Swimming sanctioned. The Montana Big Sky Games are included as long as they are sanctioned.

Expenses

None

Income

None