

2020 Spring Times Chair Report

Meet Results: Meet results are posted on the website under meets tab and then the past meet results drop down tab. Results can also generally be found under the meets tab and then past meet results for each individual meet. I try to have the meet results uploaded to SWIMS and Team Unify within a day or two of receiving them.

Montana Meet Statistics: For the 2019-2020 short course season, there were 26 meets held in Montana with 19,713 individual splashes and 473 relays.

Flex Athlete Competing in More than 2 Sanctioned Meets: This year I encountered some problems with uploading results for flex athletes who competed at more than two sanctioned competitions. Flex athletes may only complete in 2 sanctioned meets and no championships meets unless they upgrade to a year round membership. There were a few flex athletes entered into Short Course State and the Junior BC Championship who had to upgrade their memberships before their times could be uploaded and approved in SWIMS. Many thanks to Steph Boysen, MT Swimming membership and registration chair, for taking care of the registration issues.

18 and Over Athletes and APT: Another problem area I encountered involved athletes ages 18 and over who did not complete the required athlete protection training before they competed in a meet. This spring athletes ages 18 and over who had not completed the athlete protection training prior to competing in a meet had their times rejected when uploaded into SWIMS. This was a change mandated by USA Swimming. I did contact coaches of athletes when possible that I was aware of who had not completed the APT prior to a meet, but there were some athlete times that were not uploaded into SWIMS. Steph Boysen also contacted coaches about this problem as well. These times do appear in Team Unify, but can't be used for entry using OME.

Mixed Relay Errors: A legal mixed relay must be composed of two males and two females. All girl and all boys relays are not legal mixed relays and their times will not be uploaded into SWIMS (relays with 3 girls and 1 boy or 3 boys and 1 girl are also not legal mixed relays). I encourage teams to offer girls, boys, and mixed relays at meets. The meet referee may combine those relays to swim together during the meet, but after the races are concluded the AO can adjust the relays and split the correct teams back into the correct events. If you have questions about how to do this, please contact me.

Montana Top Times Reports: The Montana top times reports are posted under the records/times tab on the website. I generally run either the top 20 or top 25 times for boys and girls by age and post them at least twice a month. The zone top times reports can be found on the Western Zone website.

USA Swimming Times and Recognition Committee: I am a member of the USA Swimming times and recognition committee. My term on the committee will end this fall. I have enjoyed chairing the zone top times subcommittee and generating the western zone top times reports each week. The times committee is currently undergoing a structure change as we plan for succession on the committee. I am currently working with my successor to the zone top times subcommittee chair position as well as the athlete representatives who will be generating the reports. Zone top times reports will now be

generated monthly rather than weekly. I am also working with another committee member to generate a how to guide for times officers to use SWIMS.

Scholastic All America: I serve as the Western Zone women's tabulator on the Scholastic All America sub-committee. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this year only athletes will submit just the first semester (term) transcript for consideration. The online application opens June 1 and closes August 20. Athletes must have completed the 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12 grade; have a 3.5 GPA or higher in academic subjects; and have a 2019 Winter Juniors qualifying time to be named to the SAA team. I encourage all qualified Montana Swimming athletes to apply.

Virtual Meets: The times and recognition committee reviewed the updated virtual meet requirements and those are posted online. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the shut down this spring of pools and all swim meets, teams can hold virtual practice meets and once competition is allowed host virtual meet competitions to comply with social distancing requirements. Please contact me if you'd like more information.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve all our Montana Swimming athletes, coaches, parents, and volunteers.

Respectfully submitted,

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