

2021 Fall Times Chair Report

Development Meets: The USA Swimming House of Delegates passed legislation forming a new class of competition called Development meets effective in May 2022. The short two-hour meets are for 12 and under athletes. Events include 25/50/100's of stroke and some relays. The meets are designed to be short and fun. Athletes are restricted to competing in a certain number of meets in each of the three seasons. 12 and under swimmers may compete in the development meets as well as any other Montana Swimming/USA Swimming meet.

2021-2024 Time Standards: Montana Swimming will use the 2021-2024 USA Swimming time standards released last year as the qualifying times for both Long Course and Short Course State. The updated 8 and under times as 13 and over 50's of the stroke qualifying times will be posted in October. The time standards are posted under the times tab on the website.

Scholastic All America: Congratulations to Liam Kerns (BAC), Lily Milner (KATS) and Rylee McColley (BOZ) for being named to the 2020-2021 USA Swimming Scholastic All America committee. 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.

Administrative Official and Administrative Referee Clinics: I am always happy to present AO and AR clinics for anyone interested in serving in the positions for your club or becoming certified in these positions.

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.

Meet Manager File Names and Report Headers: The correct manner to name your Meet Manager file for a meet is the Year-LSC-Club Code-Meet Name such as the 2021 MT BOZ May Classic. If names are too long, they will not upload in Team Unify. Also, under the report headers, please list the meet name, location, course, and include the sanction number. The USA Swimming rules require this information. It is not required to list the name of the meet referee. An example would be:

2021 MT BOZ May Classic, Sanction xxxx
Bozeman, MT, Swim Center 50 LCM Pool

Meet File Names: Some meet event file names that are too long to be uploaded onto the Team Unify platform, so I have had to shorten the names to upload the files. Please be aware of that potential problem when naming your Meet Manager files.

Montana Meet Statistics: For the 2020-2021 short course and long course year end statistics, there were 40 meets held in Montana with 19,018 individual splashes and 288 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. 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 cannot 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 the top 25 times for boys and girls by age and post them currently once a month.

Single Team and Dual Meets, Virtual Meets: This year we did see an increase in single team and dual team meets as well as a few virtual meets. Long Course State was held in one location this summer rather than two as was Short Course State.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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