



MEET RECON POLICY & PROCEDURE

UNREGISTERED ATHLETES ONLY

CURRENT PROCEDURE

1. Perform pre-meet recon
2. Notify club host and entering club of outliers
3. Continue to perform recons based on number of outliers and updated athlete registrations
4. Final pre-meet recon performed 1-2 days before competition
5. Perform post-meet recon
6. Distribute fine notices to affected club(s), which is \$100.00 for each unregistered athlete.
To date, there have been no UN athletes affected.
7. Times achieved for unregistered athletes are entered into SWIMS.
8. No action can be taken against an LSC outside of MW should one of their unregistered athletes actually compete

PURPOSE OF THIS PROPOSAL:

MW sanctioned competition with unregistered athletes (UA) jeopardizes liability coverage for all attendees. All UA appearing on the first pre-meet recon should have been registered before entry, but regular roster syncing with SWIMS is not performed. Several clubs are notorious for a large number of UA notification, some to the point of routinely being double digits. Rather than the typical notification(s) sent multiple times to clubs, last minute registration still occurs either the day before or day of competition, many times after the final pre-meet recon. The meet host must then be the final checkpoint with simple options to either verify membership or deny access. The goal is to eliminate UA in advance of the initial pre-meet recon with a stern punitive action at the post-meet recon, omitting their achieved times from SWIMS.

PROPOSED PROCEDURES

1. Perform pre-meet recon
2. **For unregistered athletes appearing on the first pre-meet recon, the MW athlete registration fee is an additional \$30 above the current MW athlete registration fee.**
For example, the MW athlete registration fee for 2021 will be \$72. The entering club must then pay \$102 to register each unregistered athlete prior to the entered competition.
3. Notify host club meet director, meet referee and admin official that all unregistered athletes, regardless of LSC, who are listed on the final recon error report must be individually addressed by **one** of the following steps:
 - a. **Not eligible to compete** (athlete may be scratched from competition at the discretion of the meet director)
 - b. **Deck registration** for which MW procedures are outlined in the P&P Manual
 - c. **Provide current athlete membership status** via athlete's Deck Pass Plus account, a club roster report from the entering club's portal, or verification of membership by the MW Executive Secretary or MW Registration Chair
Rationale: If proof of membership is not provided and deck registration does not occur, the athlete is barred from competing. This is the meet host's responsibility to monitor and prevent such swims from occurring.
4. **Increase the post-meet recon fine notice to each entering club to \$250.00/athlete** from the current \$100.00 fine.
Rationale: This amount has never changed from inception of this policy.
5. Achieved times for all unregistered athletes in MW competition will **NOT** be entered into SWIMS