

## FALL 2005 SWIMS/NTV/TOP 16 REPORT

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### SWIMS

- SWIMS (Swimming Web-based Interactive Membership System) is a comprehensive and inclusive database of membership data, history and a databank of all times swum for nearly every athlete over the past few years. In 2004, *14 million times* were entered into SWIMS.
- The primary purpose of the Times module for SWIMS is to provide a database of all official times that conform with the requirements of Article 102.16.4. & .5 in the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations.
- 99 Southeastern meets and time trials were loaded into the national times database for the calendar year of September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2005.
- Each LSC is responsible for data entry of times within its geographical boundaries. The SES SWIMS Chair loads times from all sanctioned and approved SES meets.
- Times that do not appear in the STAR database within 2 weeks of the swim must be requested through the SWIMS Chair for the *LSC in which the swim took place*.
- Official meet results shall be provided to the SWIMS Chair no later than 1 week from the last day of the meet.
- Times from formally approved observed meets are loaded *upon request*.
- *Intermediate split times* (200 free from a 500 free) are not automatically recorded by SWIMS and must be requested by the athlete or the coach to be manually entered into the system.
- USA-S Rule 102.4.8: *The competing teams, first and last names, and their ages, must be listed in the meet results. Missing names cause the relay to be deleted from the database.*
- USA-S Rule 102.4.1: *In all cases, relay teams must be composed of USA-S members of the same club. Swimmers not registered to the club swimming the relay at the time of the swim are deleted from the database and are subject to LSC fines.*

- *Lead-off times from a DQ'd relay* must be requested at the meet by getting the meet referee's signature on the event results and submitting this to the SWIMS Chair.
- For competition outside the US, the USA-S staff will verify and enter data. *If your team swims in a foreign meet*, you must contact USA-S (Larry Herr [lherr@usa-swimming.org](mailto:lherr@usa-swimming.org)) and request that the times be loaded into the database.

### NTV

#### (Verification of Time from Observed Swims)

- The original intent of observing swims was to provide an opportunity for high school, YMCA, NCAA swimmers who could not compete in LSC sanctioned meets during their associations season to achieve times that could be used to enter USA-S national championship level meets.
- With the advent of the SWIMS database, it is now possible to enter times from observed meets that were in compliance with USA-S technical rules.
- Requests for Observation for certification of times must be made to the LSC NTV official at least ten day prior to the meet for all meets leading directly up to season-culminating High School, YMCA/YWCA, or Collegiate championships. (SES Request for Observation, Form B)
- If a meet is receiving "blanket" observation (all swims observed) any athlete or his/her representative may **request** that a time be entered into SWIMS for any swim in compliance with USA-S technical rules.
- The LSC has the autonomy to set guidelines for observed Swims that exceed the minimum criteria established by USA-S.

### TOP 16

- All times must be reported no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year for the previous 12-month period (September 1-August 31).
- National Top 16 preview lists are posted on USA-S website. Please preview, as lists will be considered final and any corrections must be submitted by Oct. 22, 2005. After November 1<sup>st</sup>, the list will be considered final and no changes made. The final list will be posted on November 15<sup>th</sup> on the website. Please contact me at [piscina@comcast.net](mailto:piscina@comcast.net) if you feel a time is missing or erroneous.