1998 Records & Tabulation Committee Minutes
Thursday, October 1   3 - 4:30 p.m.

Action Items

*** Action Item: submit three rules amendments to the Rules Committee.

*** Action Item: Submit proposal for permanent swimmer ID to Registration Committee.

Attendance
Number of committee members present: 8 Number of committee members absent: 5
Total number of delegates attending the meeting: 16

Minutes

Rules Changes affecting Records & Tabulations

Proposed by this Committee

> Three rules changes (R24, R49 and R50) were proposed by the Committee regarding request for the use of split times, especially for backstroke. A backstroke turn does not count as a legal finish. After submitting this, it was pointed out that the same problem exists for breaststroke and fly.

> After long discussion the committee decided these rules proposals needed to be amended as follows:

> Amend R24: Undelete "referee" and delete "director or the LMSC Top Ten Recorder." MSP

> Amend R49 and R50: Change item B to read:
> "The request to record a split time is brought to the attention, in writing, of the meet referee. For individual backstroke splits, the intent to record a split must be brought to the attention, in writing, of the meet referee prior to the swim." MSP

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> We also proposed to change the dates at which TT submissions were due from the top-ten recorders and made it about ten days earlier for SCY and SCM to avoid conflicts with SWIM Magazine's schedules. (R47).

Top-Ten Submission Process

> Top 10 Recorders in each LMSC submit times to Chairman (preferred formats are formats described in the LMSC handbook, i.e. Walt Reid's format, the word processor format, or the Hy-tek export format (cfile01.cl2). The LMSC Top Ten recorders consolidate LMSC meet results into one file.

> Chairman combines all results and notifies LMSC Top Ten recorders of potential records. The preliminary Top Ten listing is sent to recorders

for proofing. Then, final Top Ten is issued. Electronic files are sent to key USMS personnel.

Errata for each course are published in the following issue of the Top Ten publication. After that, no further errata are issued.

Activities on the Web Sites

Carl House posts individual Top 10s on the USMS website and takes care of updating errata as they become available.

Relay Top 10s will soon be appearing on the site.

USMS Web Site

There is a top-ten page on the USMSweb site (Mindspring) that has a link to the top-ten web site (Swimgold).

Issuing Record Certificates to Swimmers

The reporting process of records by submitting applications is such that these applications do not necessarily arrive in chronological order. Therefore, the times published annually in the Rule Book for Short Course Yards will be used to issue certificates to any swimmer who betters that time. Certificates shall be issued by the Executive Secretary.

This procedure is similar to the one used by FINA for World Masters Records.

Other Business

This committee passed a motion to recommend to the Registration Committee that the registration process be changed so that each swimmer would have permanent swimmer identification that would not change year to year, similar to the system used by USS. This would aid the proper identification for Top Ten and historical purposes.

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Adjourn at 4:35 PM MSP