

## From your 2006 SEOWV Championship Meet Committee...

Just a couple of reminders, as Champs is fast approaching. Your meet entries are due in less than two weeks on February 27, and the meet is less than four weeks away. These notes are to help you and the meet committee prepare for a smooth meet.

1. Swimmers must compete in three YMCA meets to participate in Champs. One of the three must be a dual meet within the league. One must be prior to January 24. Reviewing the results files sent in, there are several hundred names that have just 1 meet identified for a swimmer. On the other hand, there are swimmers names that are listed under two different team abbreviations (ex. CHRL and CFYSH), so they may have met the requirement. Also, some of those single meet names are swimmers who aren't competing anymore. You can easily check your participation count in Team Manager 4 under **Reports** and then **Performance** and then choose **Number of meets attended** and finally chose the option to sort by **Meets attended** to identify the swimmers with insufficient meet counts. Remember, competition from a single day counts as one meet (tri meets do not count as two meets).
2. Remember that **NT entry times are not allowed**. There are minimum times setup on the event list on the league website (10 minutes) to highlight the NT times in red on the Team Manager entry screens. While Team Manager will allow you to enter a swimmer with an NT time, Meet Manager will reject them.
3. Quoting from the 2006 NCAA rule book on page 32: *Times achieved in a freestyle event can be recorded only as freestyle times regardless of the stroke used.* Swimming the leadoff 50 as butterfly in the 500 free could be used as a 50 free split, but it is not a valid result for 50 butterfly.
4. Jon Reidler sent out notes to several teams about adjusting the capitalization of your swimmers or missing birth dates. Many of you wrote back and provided updated rosters. We appreciate your attention to detail. Please review the athlete report (with **leave as is** on report preferences). The Athlete screen automatically tries to adjust the capitalization, so it's not a way to review your swimmer names. You not only have to fix first and last names, but also the preferred name. Those names left in all caps will be corrected for Champs, but there's no guarantee about how well they will be retyped.
5. Most of the **coaches' certifications** are current for Champs (check the website for your status). Certifications submitted after February 27 will require a \$25 handling fee to be allowed on deck. And as a reminder if you plan to be on deck at Zones, the second cutoff date for submitting certifications is February 15 and requires a \$15 late fee. After the 15th, there is a \$25 late fee for coaches' certifications.
6. Remember **your team has a role at champs**. Please do your very best to perform that role in a professional manner. There are notes on the league website about what it takes to do the job well. If everyone does their part in a conscientious manner, we'll have an outstanding meet.
7. Each team will be required to provide timers for each session. The quantity of timers depends on the number of team entrants in a particular session. The count has never been higher than three timers (large teams). We have skipped requiring timers where there are just one or two swimmers on a team and they have another role to do during the session at champs. You can set up your own schedule of relief for your timers. Please provide timers who have some experience and demonstrate attentiveness at a meet. This is a championship meet. One other reminder -- **bring your own stopwatches for each timer** -- the league does not own watches.
8. The Friday session was intended to be regular competition to match up with the longer Zones Senior events and to move the 500 Free from Saturday. The **meet packet was updated** to

- reflect that the longer events are for 11 and over swimmers and the 500 free is limited to 13 and over swimmers. From the by-laws as a reminder for entries: *Swimmers shall swim in their own age group for all individual events.* Please don't submit your 11 year old swimmer for the 500 free – they will be deleted from the event.
9. Because the Sunday session is split by 8 & Under and 9-10, remember your 8 year-old swim-up relay entrants will have to spend more time at the meet.
  10. Several teams are behind on settling their account with the league (statements provided at the September meeting). According to the bylaws, those teams are not permitted to participate at Champs. **The teams with more than \$25 due need to settle with Suzie Damron by February 27.** (From the by-laws: *Teams which have not paid any accrued fines by the Championship meet entry deadline will not be allowed participate in the meet.*) Teams with a balance due above the \$25 threshold are GCY, HURY, HYCAT, LYST, MYAC, NASTY, PICY, PKB, SEEYA and ZYP. Other teams just need to remit their Champs fees by 2/27.
  11. You can include the team balance due amount with your Champs check, but it must be received by Suzie Damron by February 27. You probably have a good idea on what your team entry fees will be before the 27th, so get the check generated and forwarded to Suzie early. If there is money leftover, we'll just carry it on your account until Summer/Fall. Just as a reminder, send your Champs entry fees to Suzie.
  12. As an experiment, entry times for swimmers at champs will be compared to the submitted league results. You may hear from us regarding the seed time for a swimmer where it is materially different from the times on file. It is absolutely recognized that a swimmer may have better results from swimming in a high school meet. The experiment is to see how often this is an issue. A reminder, this is an experiment to see if we can address the submission of accurate seed times.
  13. Several teams have not submitted results from one of their home meets: CNYW (1/14), CFYSH (1/14), and HURY (2/4). These are for meets only through February 4.
  14. One logistical item from Champs. We are renting the **Grover Gym** to house meet participants. This is a gym with two full basketball courts -- so we shouldn't see the same crowding as last year. The gym is in the attached building through a door near the locker rooms (we will have signs). It is not the building with the hockey rink, so the air temperature should not be an issue. The downside of this room is that food and beverages are not allowed in the gym (OU doesn't have floor coverings like Kenyon does). There are tables and chairs in an area near the gym for when a swimmer wants to eat. But please let your participants know and have parent representatives present in the gym so we protect the floor at OU.
  15. If your team is participating in Zones, have you filed the team registration form (by February 15)? After that date there is a \$40 late registration fee.

THANK YOU for your contribution to this year's meet. If there are any questions, please send them to Jon Reidler ([reidlej@seowvswim.org](mailto:reidlej@seowvswim.org)) or to the meet committee members listed below. And if you have suggestions for next year, please bring them to the SEOWV League Meeting on May 13.

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