Questions about the SWIMS Database

The USA Swimming SWIMS database contains all times from USA-Swimming sanctioned, observed and approved meets. If a result is not in SWIMS, it is not a valid USA-S time (more on this later).

Results of NCAA meets are now in SWIMS. If an NCAA is sanctioned for USA Swimming observation, the time will be flagged as such in the database and will show up in searches for both.

How do results get into SWIMS? How soon after the meet does this happen?

The LSC Times Officer (currently me) loads the results into SWIMS after receiving the post meet database from the meet host. Results of observed and approved meets are similarity loaded (currently in PVS by John Hirschmann). How long after a meet this loading process occurs depends solely on when the results are received from the meet host. In PVS this is usually within 2-3 days after the meet, but can be longer.

Why is a time not in SWIMS?

For sanctioned meets, if the registration information for a swimmer in the meet database does not match a swimmer in SWIMS, the results for that swimmer get put into a holding tank for manual review. This can occur because of incorrect information in the entries sent to the meet host, but is more likely to occur due to errors in the deck entry process.

For observed and approved meets, the problem can be much worse. For example, if the H.S. coach does not have the DOB in their meet entries and does not use the correct given name, SWIMS may not be able to make a match (or make an incorrect match). Since there are also a lot of non- USA-S swimmers in these meets, the quantity of times going into the holding tank is large and requires a lot of manual intervention. Any help the club coaches can give to the H.S. coaches will be beneficial.

What do I go if a time is not in SWIMS?

Contact me with the details of the meet, the swimmer, and the event(s) and I will do the research.

How does Proof of Time work?

For PVS championship meets, we run the meet entries against the SWIMS database (Times Recon). Any times not in the database are flagged. Typical reasons for times not being in SWIMS include problems with observed meets (see above), times not yet into SWIMS (from meets right before the entry deadline), initial splits not in SWIMS (see below), and occasionally coaches using entry times from non-sanctioned meets.

How do I get initial split times that I want to use for meet entry into SWIMS?

You simply need to contact me with the meet, the swimmer, the event swum and the initial distance for which you want the split. I will look up the results from the meet and manually enter the time into SWIMS. Since this is a manual process, you should only make this request for best times that may be used for meet entry. Remember that you can not request a split time for a backstroke event after the fact, as I have no way of verifying that the swimmer completed the split legally (i.e. on the back) per rule 102.24.1A(1)(d). In PVS, all relay lead-off leg times are automatically loaded into SWIMS.

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