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• Seasons for SCY, SCM, LCM defined, as are TT submission deadlines (105.1.2).		• Seasons end May 31* (SCY), Sept 30* (LCM), Dec 31 (SCM) • TT Submission deadlines are June 30* (SCY), Oct 20* (LCM), Jan 20 (SCM) *unless adjusted for Nationals held after the deadline.
• An official time (103.18) is determined by the meet/admin referee (103.7.2) only for USMS-recognized events (102.5) with the proper timing system (103.17.3). • Initial distances within a longer event or relay can be designated as official times by the meet/admin referee as long as the swimmer submits a written request (103.18.1) or with automatic splits (103.18.2).	• Official times from meets formally sanctioned or recognized by USMS are to be included in the Event Results Database (ERDB) for both USMS members and non-members, though non-members are marked as such. • For automatically-recognized meets such as USA-S and international meets, only the official times of USMS members need to be included in the ERDB. • For national championship meets in which splits are automatically submitted for TT-consideration, only the relay leadoff-swims will be included automatically in the ERDB. Participants may request additional splits to be added to the ERDB.	• TTRs are responsible for uploading meets into the ERDB. • According to the LMSC minimum standards, unofficial results should be uploaded into the ERDB within 2 weeks of the meet and updated with the official results within 4 weeks of the meet. • Valid split requests should be included as separate events in the ERDB. This can be done with the web tools in the ERDB interface.
• To be eligible for TT consideration, swimmer must be a USMS member at the time of the swim, and the listed name shall reflect current USMS membership information (105.1.4) and be representing USMS if at an international meet (202.3).		• Middle initial sometimes included, sometimes not. Name changes (e.g. from marriage or divorce) do not affect previous swims. • TTRs should work with LMSC registrars (or look up the registration history of the swimmer) when necessary to determine if the swimmer was a member *at the time of the meet*, not just at the time of the swimmer audit in the ERDB.

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• Records & TT times must be achieved in a sanctioned or recognized event (105.1.1). • Times at meets sanctioned by USA-S or an AQUA masters NGB are automatically recognized and hence eligible for USMS TT & records (202.3). • It is the swimmer's responsibility to alert the appropriate LMSC officer about times achieved in recognized events (202.3).	• Some meets are "formally" recognized by LMSCs in a process similar to sanctioning; these may even have Recognition numbers. Often a substantial fraction of participants are USMS members, in which case the committee recommends that ALL results from these meets (including those of non-members) should be uploaded into the ERDB. • Times from automatically recognized meets (USA-S, AQUA) shall be included in the TT report of the TTR of the swimmer's LMSC, assuming the usual TT requirements are met. We try to enter the meet only 1 time and add swimmers from other LMSCs to it as needed. • The following large, automatically recognized meets will be uploaded into the ERDB: World Aquatic Masters Championships, Pan American Masters Championships, Canadian Masters Nationals, World Masters Games, Y Masters Nationals.	• Many TTRs and swimmers do not know the policy for USA-S and international meets. • In international meets, the swimmer must represent a USMS club for the times to be eligible for TT consideration (202.3). • For the "large automatically-recognized" meets listed, the Recs-Tab committee will assume oversight to ensure they get uploaded into the ERDB and that eligible times are submitted for TT consideration.

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• World record applications will be submitted to the Recs-Tab chair, or designee, as detailed on the application form (105.5).	• WR applications sent to USMS National Top 10 Coordinator use the same form as for USMS records. • The same form is used to submit applications for foreign swimmers (non-USMS members) who break world records in a USMS sanctioned meet.	• WRs tracked for SCM/LCM and ages 25+. • WR application deadline is 30 days after the swim. • WRs can only be set at a USMS-sanctioned meet. Swims at recognized meets (including USA-S meets) do not count for AQUA WRs (or AQUA TT).
• TT and record submissions must be received by the appropriate deadline (105.1.2, 105.3.9). • LMSCs are responsible for submitting all times for TT consideration (105.1.3) • LMSC or meet host is responsible for submitting record applications (105.3.9). • Record times must be submitted in hundredths of a second (105.3.8).	• Times for TT consideration are submitted to the USMS National Top 10 Coordinator using an approved file format. The Web tools are the easiest way to do this. • USMS National Top 10 Coordinator automatically submits times (from USMS-sanctioned meets only) to AQUA for their TT list. • Record applications are submitted to the USMS National Top 10 Coordinator. • Meet director submits record applications to USMS National Top 10 Coordinator or, if required by the LMSC, to the TTR. • Even though they are submitted to the USMS National Top 10 Coordinator, potential record-breaking swims still must be included in the TT report that is submitted to the USMS National Top 10 Coordinator. • Printout from timing system for events shall be kept a minimum of 2 years (Appendix B in Rule Book).	• TT submission deadlines are June 30 (SCY), Oct 20 (LCM), Jan 20 (SCM), except when USMS Nationals is held after the normal deadline. USMS Record submission deadlines are 90 days after the end of the season. • Article 202 covers Sanction/Recognition.

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• For TT times or USMS records, pool must not be too short (including touchpads, if used) in the region from 0.3 m above water to 0.8 m below water (105.1.5 and 106.2.1); pool length certification required, using the proper form (105.1.6); proper pool measurement procedures must be followed (105.1.7).	• We define the "proper measurement protocol," see measurement form for full detail. Device accuracy must be ±0.5 cm (±0.20 in or ±0.016 ft). Initial certification is to measure every lane; bulkhead placement verification is in 3 lanes (2 outside, 1 middle). See measurement procedure on pool form for touchpad allowances. • Copies of initial pool length certifications are sent to the USMS National Top 10 Coordinator, who maintains a DB of measured pools. LMSC TTRs should also keep a copy on file. • Current DB of certified pools is available for viewing on the USMS website. • Measurements for bulkhead placement verification are sent to the USMS National Top 10 Coordinator in support of a USMS/AQUA record application and TT. They are kept on file locally (by LMSC TTR) for a minimum of 2 years. • At a USMSS Sanctioned meet, only the measurements done by the meet host officials shall be used for bulkhead length confirmation. It is recommended that the Meet Referee approve the pre-meet measurement.	• According to the Rule Book: for USMS sanctioned meets, if movable bulkhead is used, placement must be verified (according to procedures given) before the meet, and after each session. • Bulkhead pools whose initial certification measurements are on file: for AQUA sanctioned meets, AQUA measurement rules apply; for USA-S sanctioned meets, USA-S measurement rules determine TT eligibility of swims. • When there is no break or only a short break between sessions—i.e. no chance to take pool measurements— measurements taken after the long "combined" sessions validate the swims in those sessions. • Pools must be re-measured if structural modifications take place. Resurfacing counts as a structural modification.

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• TT Times published annually for "official" events (105.2.1, 102.5).	• Published on USMS website.
	• A preliminary version is published first, and approximately 3 weeks are allowed for corrections. The list is also emailed to all TT recorders.
	• Formatted (PDF) copies of the final list are available for free download from USMS website.
	• Errata are published in the next official list. For example, SCY11 errata would be published with the LCM11 TT list.
	• Incorrect times are removed from the published list when found, causing all slower times to move up a place. But newly found times are never added after the list is officially published.
	• If multiple relays are submitted for TT consideration from the same club in the same age-group & gender, each relay shall consist of four different club members. A member cannot represent the same club in more than one TT relay in a particular age-group & gender combination.
	• If two relays have the same time:
	A. Clubs are different
	  1) Time is tied as 9th place above or higher, then no additional relays are added. Ex. if place 3 and 4 have the same time, then rank goes 1,2,3,3,5,6,…
	  2) Time is tied at 10th place, then an additional relay is added.
	B. If the clubs are the same and all members are unique, same as A. above.
	C. If the clubs are the same and at least one member is on both relays, then add a relay.
		• Rule does not specify where the times must be published.
		• Rule does not forbid publishing TT times for non-conforming events (like Australia does).

	See 2018 yards: M35+ 200 Medley, M 75+ 200 Free and 2017 yards: M65+ 200 medley 1:59.96, mixed 45+ 200 free 1:39.38. Ex. if place 3 and 4 have the same time, then rank goes 1,2,3,3,4,5,6…10 by adding a relay to fill out the 10 places. • Relay clubs must be USMS-registered clubs, not workout groups.	
• Designate fastest time as USMS national record (105.3.1) only for official events (105.3.2, 102.5) within 90 days of the end of the season (105.3.9) according to USMS rules (105.3.3) in still water (105.3.4)	• USMS national records are "date/time sensitive," as determined by the record application deadline for a season.	• Doesn't allow official USMS records for nonconforming events.
• Upon verification, USMS records are published "promptly" on USMS website (105.3.9).	• Records progression published online. Swimmers on the record progression list will receive certificates. • Record holders will receive one certificate per season with a list of all record-breaking swims.	• "Record-breaking swims" on certificates might include multiple swims for a single event if a swimmer broke the same record multiple times.

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• Minimum of two manual times required for TT times (105.2.3). USMS records cannot be established using a manual primary timing system. (103.18.7)		• AQUA records require automatic timing with semi-automatic backup. • For splits, automatic timing is required for USMS records (see next item).
• Split times eligible for TT and USMS records under certain conditions; the request must be made in writing by the swimmer (105.2.2, 105.3.6) or by automatic splits. (103.18.2, 103.18.5, 103.18.6, 103.18.7)	• Meet hosts from nationals submit all valid splits for TT consideration without requiring written requests; written requests prior to the event are still required for non-relay backstroke splits. • Even though all valid initial splits from nationals are submitted for TT consideration, only relay leadoff splits are automatically loaded into the ERDB as separate swims. Swimmers may request that their other splits be added to the ERDB as separate swims.	• Note that 105.2.2 and 105.3.7 say that split times to be considered for TT shall be included separately in the summary of results prepared by the meet director. • Two buttons/watches are sufficient for TT submission; Automatic timing is required for WRs; automatic timing is required for USMS Records.
• USMS members with top-ranked times are designated individual or relay All-American (105.4). Every year one swimmer from each age-group/gender is designated an All-Star based on who has the most All-American times (105.4.3).	• All-American and All-Star listings are published annually on the USMS web site. • If two or more swimmers have the same number of top-ranked swims, then points will be assigned to TT rankings and the sum shall be used as the tie-breaker. If two or more are still tied, then they shall each be named as All-Stars. Points are assigned as 10 for 1st, 9 for 2nd, 8 for 3rd, 7 for 4th, 6 for 5th, 5 for 6th, 4 for 7th, 3 for 8th, 2 for 9th and 1 for 10th.	