

Records and Tabulation Committee

USMS ID Number Survey

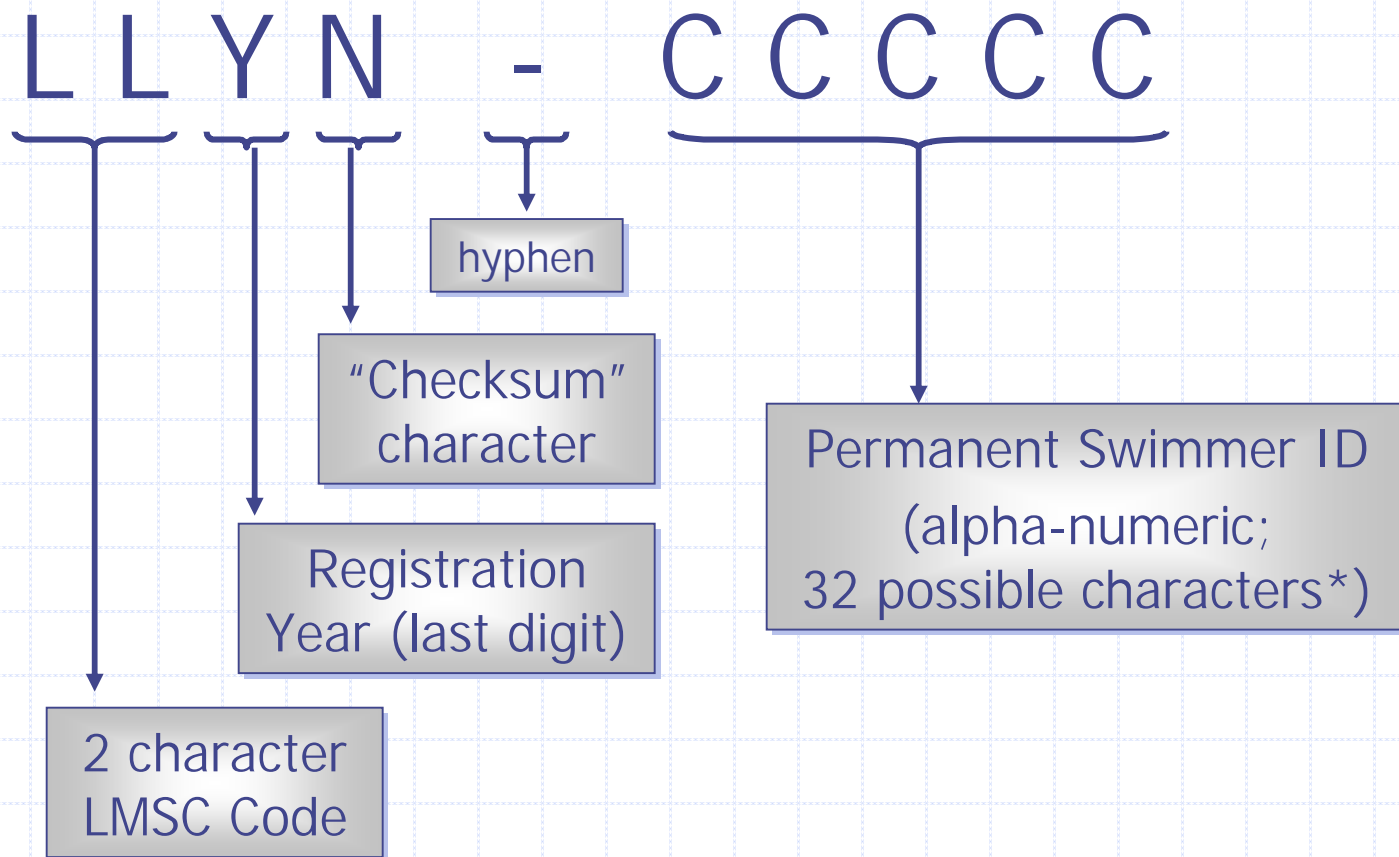
Summary of results

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New USMS ID Format

10 Characters



Survey

◆ Purpose

- Assess the difficulty of providing the USMS ID number with all top ten submissions

◆ Audience

- 53 Top Ten tabulators
 - ◆ 6 have no e-mail address
 - ◆ 38 of 47 with e-mail responded

Survey Results

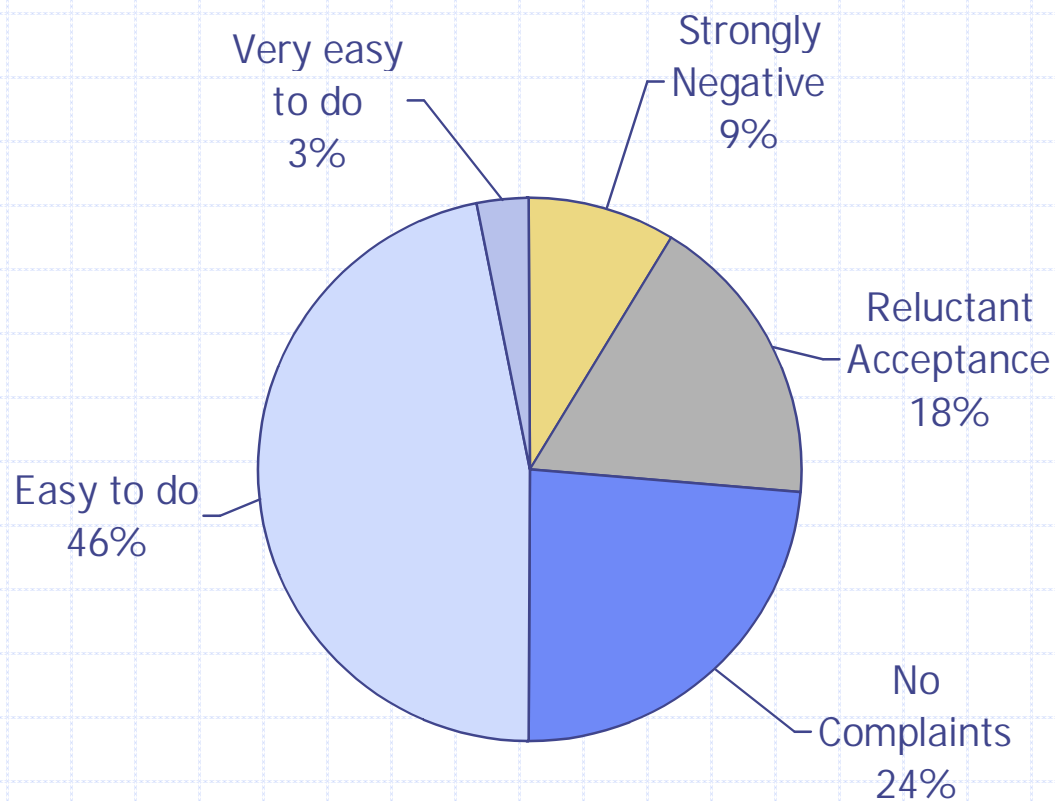
- ◆ Do you supply ID numbers with Top Ten data?
 - Yes - 2 (5%)
 - No - 17 (45%)
 - Don't know - 19 (50%)

- ◆ Do you use meet management software?
 - Yes, always - 21 (60%)
 - Yes, most of the time - 13 (37%)
 - No - 1 (3%)

- ◆ Do you manually key data for Top Ten?
 - Manual keying - 7 (18%)
 - Mostly electronic - 13 (34%)
 - Electronic - 16 (42%)

Survey Results (cont.)

◆ How difficult would it be to provide ID numbers?



Survey Results - Issues/Comments

- ◆ Very important to provide the ID number
- ◆ Need way to ensure accuracy of ID number in all submissions
- ◆ As much automation (minimize human data entry) as possible is desired
- ◆ Swimmer may register at meet. New ID would not be available to key in.
- ◆ New ID number can be difficult to read
 - Letters O/o, Q/q, L/l are never used - would always be number 0 or 1, but B and 8, D and 0, U and V are sometimes hard to distinguish
- ◆ "Permanent" part is last five digits, but for yearly Top Ten, the first digits are also necessary. Entire ID must be taken in to consideration.

Survey Results - Privacy Issues

- ◆ Who should have access to data base? (local registrars, national office, national meet hosts,...)
- ◆ If involved in masters swimming, why is birthdate a concern?
USMS card has birthdate on it; card is required for meet entries, birth certificate required for records
- ◆ Use FINA ages (age as of Dec 31) for all meets, including SCY, to avoid publishing birth date
- ◆ Identity theft implications
- ◆ Club affiliation may be a concern (e.g. political affiliations)