

Top 10 Recorders Peer-to-Peer Teleconference Notes

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Facilitator: Lori Payne (Breadbasket Zone Chair)

Attendees: Annette Thies (NM-Top 10), Sally Guthrie (MI), Emmett Hines (GU-Top 10), Barbara Dunbar (SI-Top 10 & Chair), Mary Beth Windrath (Nat'l Swims Administrator and Top 10), Judd Jones (SE – Top10), Judy Childers (SC-Top 10), Chris Stevenson (VA-Top 10), Jerry Clark (NC), Mollie Grover (PV-Top 10), Jeff Strahota (Colonies ZC), Andy Clark (NC-Top 10), Bruce Rollins (GU-VC), Skip Thompson (MI-Top 10), Mark Anderson (MN-records), Ann Peterson (ND-Top 10), Jeanne Seidler (WI Chair), Mary Pohlman (OZ Chair)

Question: what is the very first thing that we have to consider before we can begin Top 10 times?

Pool Measurement! Be sure to look at the pool measurement forms you receive to make sure they make sense. Talk with the sanctions chairs in your LMSC to find out what is being communicated to the meet directors for requirements on pool measurements with bulkheads.

Everyone confirmed they know that pools with bulkheads have to be re-measured each meet.

Three different seasons with 3 different end dates for Top 10 eligible times to be submitted:

-) SCY ends May 31 / due June 30
-) LCM ends Sept 30 / due Oct 20
-) SCM ends Dec 31 /due Jan 26

Lori's suggestion from her experience is to get the meet files and submit them right away to keep the work balanced.

How is the meet sanctioned? Which governing bodies? USMS, USA-S, FINA?

It was brought up that if USMS sanctions a meet, then rules on measurement have to be applied. USA-S meets are automatically recognized but rules for measurement don't apply so times don't qualify for top 10. Judd asks that participants (and those reading these notes) to check out the Top 10 Discussion Forum for his full story and responses people have made. **[Point of clarification from Jeanne Seidler regarding the above paragraph ... If the meet is USMS-sanctioned (or dual-sanctioned), the bulkhead**

placement confirmation measurement has to be performed. USA-S meets are automatically recognized, and must have the pool measurement of all lanes on file with USMS. However, bulkhead placement confirmation measurements are not required and the times swum do count for USMS Top Ten consideration without the bulkhead placement confirmation measurements. USMS records set at USA-S meets must have the bulkhead placement confirmation measurement performed.]

Jeanne Seidler reminded the group that LMSCs can propose rule changes. Judd Jones (SETopTen AT usms.org) will be collecting “pool measurement horror stories” to help guide a rule change proposal.

Suggestions from Jerry: Help meet directors with what they need to do to make your job easier. Spread responsibilities to ensure “chores” have back up in being done.

Most LMSCs keep LMSC Records. Those that do NOT keep LMSC records: PV, SE.

Skip Thompson uses Meet Manager to keep MI LMSC Championship Meet records. Has wondered why USMS doesn't maintain meet records for Spring and Summer nationals.

Andy Clark has found that the USMS Event Rankings database that Jim Matysek sent to Top 10 recorders is a good tool for pulling swims by LMSC members that would qualify for an LMSC record even those swum outside the LMSC. Doesn't work for relays and doesn't have the history prior to when swims were being uploaded. Paige committed to sending out again the email from Jim sent to all LMSC TTRs in Sept 2014.

Chris reported that History and Archives is working on a relay Top 10 list history.

Would a Top 10 Recorder tutorial at convention be a good workshop to have in 2015 or 2016? General consensus: no

Consider how to groom your replacement. Succession planning in Top 10 position is important due to deadlines and the more technical nature of the job. Great for detail-oriented volunteers!