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Greetings from the National Office...

First I would like to welcome Rob Butcher and Ashley Gangloff to USMS! Rob is our new Executive Director and Ashley is working with Rob in the Charlotte office as Administrative Assistant. Both Rob and Ashley are very excited about working with USMS! You will find more about them later in this newsletter.



Everyone who attended last year's convention, LMSC Chairs and/or USMS committee members, should have received a convention registration packet (CRP) and most up-to-date schedule (e-mailed out in April). If you are planning on attending and did not receive this, please let me know and I will get it out to you.

The names of all delegates representing LMSCs must be sent to USMS Secretary Meg Smath (secretary at usms dot org) ASAP.

All people (voting and non-voting) must register for the convention. Registration forms (included in the above mentioned CRP) are to be sent to Bob and Helen Brown, USAS, Inc, 16700 Indigo Rd, Lakeville, MN 55044-5613. Fee for registration postmarked by September 4 is \$150, on or after September 5 is \$175. If you haven't sent yours in yet, you best do so soon! The USAS website can be found at www.usaquaticsports.org.

The cut off date for the Hyatt is Friday September 5 or when they reach capacity for room reservations at the convention rate. Again, if you have not made your reservation, get going! Hotel reservation form is in the CRP.

If you are in need of a roommate, I will be providing my matchmaker services again this year. Send me an e-mail or call me with specifics and I will do my best to be sure everyone looking for a roommate is matched up!

Convention packets will be sent to all who attend. This is a booklet which contains announcements, schedule, and reports from the leadership and committees.

The mailing of the packets is scheduled for late August/early September. Once you receive this, it is your responsibility read this completely before you arrive at convention so you are prepared.

Happy Swimming!
Tracy

New Executive Director Announced

On June 5, 2008 United States Masters Swimming announced that Rob Butcher will serve as the Executive Director.

Rob brings successful experience in the sports industry, specifically marketing, sponsorship, media, and promotions having worked in the racing industry for International Speedway Corporation and World Racing Group. Rob though has been an active USA Swimming and USMS member for many years, with the highlight competing in the 2000 Olympic Trials. Rob was also a collegiate swimmer at Georgia Southern University where he received both his undergraduate degree in Marketing, and Master degree in Science. He is a registered USMS member of North Carolina Masters Swimming, and lives in Charlotte.

"My first 50-days have been very enlightening," said Rob. "The membership of USMS entrusts all of us; coaches, clubs, LMSCs and USMS itself with its time and financial investment and in turn expects us to deliver on their member experience. Perhaps the biggest surprise is the historical 35 percent annual non-renewal rate of USMS membership. I, like roughly 30 percent of our membership, consider myself to be a competitive swimmer so membership is basically essential for each of us to compete. I also though see myself fitting into the much broader membership profile of members who are first and foremost seeking health, wellness, and fitness benefits through aquatics. While we will always have many avenues of competition for membership, this broader audience, the one who isn't necessarily competitive, is really the opportunity of the future for USMS."

Ashley Gangloff - Administrative Assistant

United States Masters Swimming is a well established and successful organization with room for growth; I feel lucky to be a part of such an enthusiastic group of people and anticipate great success in the future for USMS. My name is Ashley Gangloff and though I am new to USMS I have always had a passion for aquatic fitness. I was a springboard and platform diver until I recently "retired" to move to Charlotte with my husband, who is a swimmer. Before moving to Charlotte I earned a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Sport Management and Marketing from Auburn University. I have always felt a connection to my community, especially the aquatic sports community. I have been involved in various



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local sports organizations as well as national sports organizations such as USA Diving.

My involvement with the swimming community began when I went to Auburn University to be on the swimming and diving team under Coach David Marsh. Since the first time I stepped onto the pool deck at Auburn, and was surrounded by 60 passionate swimmers and coaches, I have been intrigued by swimmers and the swimming community. I appreciate the support and friendship offered through swimming as well as the good health and well-being associated with it. I have a passion for health and fitness, and I admire those who take their own health and fitness seriously while having fun at the same time. I am interested in not only supporting current USMS swimmers but also encouraging new members and promoting good health, well-being, and happiness through swimming and aquatic exercise.

I am thrilled and honored to be the newest USMS staff member. I will be working out of the same office as Rob in Charlotte, and can be reached at agangloff at usms dot or 704-333-7944. Thank you for your support and I look forward to working with each of you.

Rob and Ashley are settling into the Charlotte USMS office and you can contact them at:

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Rob: 704-333-7946, rob at usms dot org, executivedirector at usms dot org

Ashley: 704-333-7944, agangloff at usms dot org

Rule Book Dedication -

The deadline for the Dedication of the 2009 Rule Book is due to Sue Ehringer, Rule Book Editor by September 15th. For more information, contact Sue at susanehr at usms dot org

Rule Book Cover Contest

It's time to send your submission for the 2009 USMS Rule Book Cover Contest. Camera-ready designs should be 5 1/2 inches wide by 8 1/2 inches high. Electronic artwork should be larger, to scale, with 300 DPI resolution, and CMYK color separation. Submissions must use the phrases "United States Masters Swimming" and "2009 Rule Book" in the design as well as the USMS logo (including trademark sign). Send finished designs to USMS Rule Book Coordinator Susan Ehringer at susanehr at usms dot org. All submissions become the property of USMS; we will ask each contestant to sign a release. Submittals are due by September 15, 2008.

Calendar/Things to do

Listed are all deadlines from the USMS Working Calendar. Please read this and use as a reminder. This 2008 Working Calendar is posted in its entirety on the USMS website at: www.usms.org/admin/lmschb/workingcalendar.pdf

AUGUST 2008

- 1 Deadline for USAS early convention registration and inclusion in USAS Directory
 - Bids for fitness events due to Fitness Committee Chair (Marcia Anziano—Fitness at usms dot org)
 - Equipment requirements from committee chairs and workshop planners due to Convention Coordinator (Victor Buehler—Convention at usms dot org)
 - All proposed rule/code changes from Rules, Open Water/Long Distance and Legislation due to National Office
 - Final SCY Top 10 list sent to printer
 - Second quarter financial reports prepared
 - Election Committee submits election information to National Office for inclusion in the HOD packet
 - Bids for 2010 Long Course, Short Course and Open Water/Long Distance National Championships due to committee chairs (Championship: Mark Moore—Championship at usms dot org, Open Water/Long Distance: Marcia Cleveland—LongDistance at usms dot org)
 - 8 Zone Reps submit list of events for USMS Swimmer calendar for the November/December issue to VP Local Operations (Julie Heather—VPLocalOperations at usms dot org)
 - Deadline to submit copy to DMC for a newsletter to be inserted in USMS Swimmer for the September/October issue
 - 10 Editorial copy/information due to USMS Editor for November/December issue of USMS Swimmer (Bill Volckening—Editor at usms dot org)
 - On Deck department calendar entries due to USMS Calendar of Events Editor for November/December issue of USMS Swimmer (Lynn Hazlewood—lynhzlwd at usms dot org)
 - 14 USMS LC National Championships, Mt. Hood, Ore. end
 - 17 USMS LC Nationals end
 - 15 Executive Director (Rob Butcher —ExecutiveDirector at usms dot org) distributes preliminary budget for the coming year, forecast for current year and copies of budget forms to Finance Committee members and National Office
 - 31 Approximate mailing date for September/October issue of USMS Swimmer
 - National registration transmittal sent to National Office electronically from online registration site
- Other deadlines this month
- USAS sends convention registration list to National Office (Tracy Grilli—USMS at usms dot org). Secretary (Meg Smath—Secretary at usms dot org) notifies LMSCs who have not sent delegate certifications.

- Convention packets mailed to all certified delegates
- New delegate information emailed to all new delegates

SEPTEMBER 2008

- 1 Rule book cover submissions and bids to print the rule book due to Rule Book Coordinator (Susan Ehringer—RuleBook at usms dot org)
- Period for 2008 reduced swimmer registration fee begins
- All LMSCs that have not hosted a Mentor Coach and Swimmer or Open Water Clinic in the past two years will have until September 1st to submit an application. LMSCs that have hosted within the past two years will not have their applications reviewed until after September 1st. This will give priority to those who have not hosted a clinic recently a chance to host.
- LMSC registrars contact Registration Chair (George Simon—RegChair at usms dot org) with card requirement numbers
- 26 USMS Convention in Atlanta starts
- 30 USMS Convention in Atlanta ends
- 28 Deadline to submit copy to DMC for a newsletter to be inserted in USMS Swimmer for the November/December issue
- 30 End of LCM season
- National registration transmittal sent to National Office electronically from online registration site
- All registrations received as of today's date will be included in the mailing of the Nov/Dec issue of SWIMMER

Other deadlines this month

- Registration Committee finalizes design of membership card, printer notified
- Changes, additions, deletions for 2009 Working Calendar due to Secretary from committee chairs, etc. (Meg Smath—Secretary at usms dot org)
- Group Exemption 501(c)(3) status report due to IRS

OCTOBER 2008

- 8 Zone Reps submit list of events for USMS Swimmer calendar for the January/February issue to VP Local Operations (Julie Heather—VPLocalOperations at usms dot org)
- Deadline for Coaches Committee to submit announcements to USMS Swimmer for Mentor Coach and Swimmer Clinics, NIKE Clinics and Coach of the Year Award
- 15 Editorial information/copy due to USMS Editor for January/February issue of USMS Swimmer (Bill Volckening—Editor at usms dot org)
- Approximate mailing date for November/December issue of USMS Swimmer
- 20 LMSC LCM Top 10 reports due to National Swims Administrator (Mary Beth Windrath—mbwswims at stny dot rr dot com)
- 25 Deadline for submission of information to be included in the fall issue of Streamlines... from the National Office
- 31 National registration transmittal sent to National Office electronically from online registration site
- End of the 2008 registration year. All registrations after November 1st are for 2009.

- Fall issue of Streamlines... from the National Office e-mailed
- Other deadlines this month
- President appoints committee chairs and committee members

NOVEMBER 2008

- 1 2009 registration year begins
- Minutes of House of Delegates, 2009 Budget and FOG mailed to all who attended 2008 convention
- 2 Final copies of Rules, Open Water/Long Distance and Legislation changes due to Rule Book Coordinator (Susan Ehringer—RuleBook at usms dot org) from appropriate committee chair (Rules: Kathy Casey—Rules at usms dot org, Open Water/Long Distance: Marcia Cleveland—LongDistance at usms dot org, Legislation: Sean Fitzgerald—Legislation at usms dot org)
- 9 Records and Tabulation Chair (Ed Tsuzuki—TopTen at usms dot org) sends national and world records to Rule Book Coordinator (Susan Ehringer—RuleBook at usms dot org)
- 15 2009 LMSC Handbook section updates due to National Office Administrator (Tracy Grilli—USMS at usms dot org)
- National Office Administrator (Tracy Grilli—USMS at usms dot org) sends rule book Appendix E: Committees and Chairs to Rule Book Coordinator (Susan Ehringer—RuleBook at usms dot org)
- 16 Final proofreading of rule book due to Rule Book Coordinator (Susan Ehringer—RuleBook at usms dot org)
- 23 All camera-ready copy and artwork due to rule book printer
- 30 National registration transmittal sent to National Office electronically from online registration site
- All registrations received as of today's date will be included in the mailing of the Jan/Feb issue of SWIMMER

Award Nominations

Club of the Year Award -

The deadline for the Club of the Year Award has been extended to August 30 this year. The info and nomination forms are on the USMS web site (search "awards").

Dorothy Donnelly USMS Service Award-

Although the deadline to nominate was July 30, Sally Dillon, the new chair of the Recognition and Awards committee, wants to be sure that no nominations slipped through the cracks during the transition from the old chair (Kelly Crandell) to her. Please email Sally at Awards at usms dot org and let her know who you submitted so she can double-check the list.

Results and Rankings on the USMS Web Site

Formerly named Current Top Times, there is a new replacement system on the USMS web site with three components now named “Meet Results Database”, “Event Rankings” and “Individual Results.” The components on the USMS web site (located under the Competition tab menu) access an internal USMS database of individual swims that is a consolidation of all meet results files submitted via e-mail to the meetresults at usms dot org mailbox. These rankings and swim times are not tied in any way to the official USMS Top Ten. The rankings are best explained as a guideline or yardstick that swimmers can use to gauge progress over the swim season compared to other swimmers of the same age group. The feedback from swimmers who watch their progress on these rankings and individual results is very positive.

Top Ten Recorders are requested to e-mail meet results to meetresults at usms dot org just as soon as meet results become available. The database has a time value for swimmers and is most useful if it is continually updated as the season progresses. Meet Directors may also e-mail scored Hy-Tek files to the meetresults mailbox.

The files submitted for the Meet Results Database can be zipped, should contain splits of individual events (if available in the meet results) and must be one of the following formats:

1. Hy-Tek Meet Manager Backup (zipped by Hy-Tek during “File : Backup”)
2. Hy-Tek Meet Manager Exported meet results, format *.cl2 (zipped by Hy-Tek during “File : Export : Results for Team Manager or SWIMS or NCAA database”)
3. SDIF (created as an *.sd3 file via most meet management software that is not Hy-Tek)

Please e-mail the results to meetresults at usms dot org just as soon as a meet is finished, if at all possible. Thanks are in order for all the LMSC’s that do voluntarily submit their meet results in a timely fashion.

If there are questions about the “Meet Results Database”, “Event Rankings” or “Individual Results”, please e-mail the meetresults mailbox.

XIII FINA World Masters Championships 2010

Gothenburg, Sweden

July 28 - August 7, 2010

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www.2010finamasters.org

Announcements

New Committee Chairs -

Coaches - As of June 30 Mo Chambers will be stepping down as chair of the Coaches Committee. Chris Colburn will be the new chair. Mo has done an good job but has decided to step down to meet family obligations. From what I’ve seen so far, Chris is an excellent replacement and has already begun to move the committee along. Welcome Chris and thank you for stepping up to help lead USMS coaches.

Recognition and Awards - Sally Dillon has been appointed as the new chair of the Recognition and Awards Committee, reporting to Julie Heather. Sally is replacing Kelly Crandell who has chosen to step down due to excessive travel with her career. My thanks to Kelly for her years of leadership and welcome to Sally!

CONVENTION

LMSC Chairmen – if you have not done so already, please send the names and contact information of your delegates to Meg Smath immediately (secretary at usms dot org)! If your LMSC will not be sending a delegate, also let Meg know.

If you need information concerning the USAS Convention being held at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta, Atlanta, GA September 22-28 (24-28 for USMS delegates) it can be found on the USAS website at www.usaquaticsports.org. On the site, you will find transportation information for MARTA—Atlanta’s modern, clean, safe state of the art integrated train and bus system—which is a convenient and inexpensive way to travel around Atlanta. MARTA trains connect to most of your destinations: Hartsfield/Jackson International Airport, Hyatt Regency Hotel, sightseeing, shopping and restaurants.

USMS sessions start on Wednesday, September 24 with the USMS Board of Directors meeting from 2:00–5:15 pm, followed by a Committee Chairs Orientation meeting from 5:30-6:15 pm, and the Insurance reception at 7pm. The New Delegate Orientation will be held on Thursday the 25 from 7:30-8:15 am

More details on swim workouts, the LMSC Workshops, Coaches Presentation (Friday 10:30-12:00), Sports Medicine Presentation (Friday 12:45-1:45) will be included in the Convention Information Packet, which will be sent out late August/early September. All information will also be posted on the USMS website when available.

Snooper

The Snooper Loaner is temporarily shut down due to the equipment being old and in need of replacement. The coaches committee has budgeted for new equipment for 2009 and will be moving to the Charlotte Office. Once up and operational, the rental information will be updated and available on the USMS website.

Video Library

The Video Library is moving to the Charlotte office. We are in the process of updating the information on the USMS website. If you are interested in renting a video, please contact Ashley Gangloff at agangloff@usms.org

Rules Corner

by Kathy Casey, USMS Rules Chair

Questions & Clarifications

1. Competitor's Age:

Question: Why am I 59 years old at 25-yard meets but 60 years old at 25- and 50-meter meets this year? I'm not 60 until October 5!

Answer: The rest of the world determines the age as of December 31 of that year for meters competition. The current USMS rules for age determining date (102.2.1 and 102.2.2) are a compromise between the way the rest of the world determines age and the way USMS has traditionally determined age. For short course yard meets, age is determined as of the last day of competition in a meet. For meter meets age is determined as of December 31 of the year of competition. That way we also match the rest of the world in age determining date for World Top 10 and World Records which are meters only.

2. Breaststroke:

Question: I noticed that the language for body position when leaving the wall has changed from "the shoulders must be at or past vertical toward the breast" to "the body shall be kept on the breast". Does that mean I could now be disqualified for leaving the wall on my side?

Answer: No, even though the language of 101.2.2 has changed to match the USA Swimming and FINA language, the interpretation has not changed. "Kept on the breast" means at or past vertical toward the breast, and breaststrokers should not be disqualified for leaving the wall on their sides if they are at or past vertical toward the breast.

3. Breaststroke Turn:

Question: If I approach the wall with a complete stroke cycle but am still a foot or so away from the wall and after that last kick there's not enough room for another complete cycle, can I add an extra little arm pull or kick?

Answer: You can add an extra little arm pull only, since an arm pull is what would occur after the kick of that last complete cycle, and touch the wall after that little arm pull. That is an incomplete cycle which is allowed in the turn and finish rule, 101.2.4. That is not a disqualification. If you take a little extra kick following the kick of the last complete cycle, that is a disqualification. Only an arm pull can follow that last kick.

4. Pool Measurement:

Question: Is it possible to accept USA Swimming pool length certifications for USMS pool measurements?

Answer: Yes. USMS accepts certifications of course length that are on file with USA Swimming (105.1.6A), even though USA Swimming and USMS pool measurement and certification rules are a little different.



5. Butterfly Turns and Finish:

Question: If my butterfly stroke leaves me just a bit short of the wall on turns or at the finish, can I take one dolphin kick to bring me in without an arm pull? The rule only mentions one breaststroke or whip kick.

Answer: Yes. There is not a prescribed limit to the number of dolphin kicks per arm pull, and a swimmer is allowed to take extra dolphin kicks without an arm pull into the wall on turns and finishes. The kick rule for butterfly specifically addresses a single breaststroke or whip kick without an arm pull prior to the turn because an arm pull is required for each breaststroke or whip kick during the rest of the stroke (101.3.3). That is not the case with the dolphin kick.

Proposed Rule Changes:

Proposed changes this year address scoring at nationals, the minimum number of officials required at nationals, the location of nationals, and the deadline for bids for national championship meets.

For any questions about rules contact Kathy Casey, USMS Rules Chair, Rules at usms dot org

New LMSC Officers

Alaska: Treasurer – StanSteck – sasteck at mac dot com

Arizona: Treasurer – Kim Bernard – kbernard at bamsi dot com

Illinois: Registrar – Erik VanEtten – evkv01 at yahoo dot com

Inland Northwest: Chair – Mike Hartley – miandjosi at yahoo dot com

Contact Information Updates

Laura and Ross Davis (Gulf) – temporarily living with Carolyn and Tom Boak – 2720 N Logrun Cir, The Woodlands, TX 77380.

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