**Coach Representatives report for the 11/9/15 BOD meeting**

Coaches, we hope that your 2015-2016 season is off to a great start with many fast times and enthusiastic swimmers! Here you will find our October report, which will also serve as our report for the upcoming Michigan Swimming BOD meeting on November 9th.

### Things To Note

1. Coaches, time standards for the 2015-2016 SCY Season and the 2016 LCM season were approved by the House of Delegates (HOD) at the October 10th HOD meeting. PDF copies and Hy-tek files are available for download/viewing on the Michigan Swimming website.
2. Coaches interested in serving as a Zone or Mid-States team coach for the 2015-2016 swim year should contact Joe McBrantie (Zone Team Coordinator) for information. Applications for this year’s coaching squad are available on the Zone Team website (<https://www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?team=milsczone>).

This year’s Zone meet is a Mega-Zone meet, which means all LSC’s in the Central Zone will be participating in one big meet at IUPUI.

**Areas of Concern Brought by Coach Members**

Several coaches have expressed concern that the 2015-2016 SCY time standards are too quick, especially from last year’s times. Concern is that the meets will be too fast in terms of both swimmers and length of prelims.

One coach expressed concern that the JO meets will be very large if state cuts are faster, but JO cuts did not change. The coach expressed the fact that last year’s JO meets were already too crowded.

## Reminders for Coaches

# 2016 Non-Athlete Applications Available

If you plan on continuing to coach after 12/31/2015, please be sure to download and submit the 2016 Non-Athlete application from the Michigan Swimming website. The application can be found under the “Registration” tab.

# Meet Packet Late Fees

If your club is hosting a meet this year, we just want to remind you that there is now a late fee for late meet packet submissions. Here is the exact language that was passed at the April 19th HOD meeting:

“Failure to submit the Meet Announcement at least 60 days prior to the actual date of the meet, using the most current Meet Announcement Template, will result in an automatic fine of $250 plus $25 a day for each additional day the announcement is late. Receipt of the announcement will be determined by the time stamp on the e-mail sent to the MS Office. This fine is automatic and may only be waived by the Board of Directors. In addition, more than one late filing may result in the loss of future meets at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Fees collected will go into the athlete.”

Program Ops should notify meet hosts well in advance when their meet packets are due, but we feel it’s also important for club coaches to be aware of the rule change, especially those who serve as meet directors for their club.

**Reimbursements for Athletes Attending National Meets**

Coaches, did you know that your swimmer may qualify for some travel reimbursements if they attend a National Meet (NCSA’s, Jr. Nats, Nationals, U.S. Open, Olympic Trials)?  
  
Under our Rules and Procedures, if a swimmer meets the eligibility requirements, they can apply for a travel expense reimbursement. Reimbursement amounts depend on the meet attended and other eligibility factors.

Reimbursements requests are made at the end of each season. For the short course season, they are due to the Finance Vice-Chair by May 1st, and by September 14th for the long course season. Reimbursement forms can be found on the Michigan Swimming website.  
  
Coaches, please let your athletes know!

**Have Concerns, Thoughts, Questions?**

Coaches, we are here to represent YOU. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please let us know! Feel free to talk to us on deck at meets, or send us an email (email addresses below). We want to hear from you!

**Thanks to all the coaches that serve**

We would like to acknowledge and thank the following coaches for volunteering to be a part of the Michigan Swimming Board of Directors and/or its committees. Thank you for all that you do and for volunteering your time! For a full list of BOD members, please visit the Michigan Swimming website.

* Alex Brinks (GRNSA) – Technical Planning Committee, Diversity Committee
  + Dave Carson (EGRA) – Camps and Clinics Committee
  + Caroline Clements (JAWS) – Meet Scheduling Committee
  + Andy Cebull (OLY) – Meet Scheduling Committee
  + Mike Cutler (ROCK) – Program Ops Co-Chair, Meet Scheduling Committee
  + Colin Dolcetti (UN) – Camps and Clinics Committee
  + Drew Hansz (dROP) – Senior Coaches Rep, Camps and Clinics Chair, Technical Planning Committee, Nominating Committee.
  + Don Kimble (BC) – NTV Chair, Meet Scheduling Committee
  + Shawn Kornoelje (OU) – Para-Swimming Committee
  + Joe McBrantie (MCA) – Zone Team Coordinator
  + Josh Morgan (PCC) – Program Development Vice-Chair, Technical Planning Committee
  + Ahern Naylis (OLY) – Admin-Vice Chair, Finance Committee
  + Larry Nunnery (TSSD) – Diversity Committee
  + Ray Onisko (LL) – Technical Planning Committee, Camps and Clinics Committee
  + Bryce Pitters (UN) – Camps and Clinics Committee
  + Patrick Saucedo (S) – Nominating Committee, Camps and Clinics Committee
  + Steve Shipps (MMA) – Program Ops Co-Chair
  + Chris Thompson (PCC) – Camps and Clinics Committee
  + Josh Wood (CW) – Jr. Coaches Rep., Special Rules and Procedures Committee Chair
  + Julie Youngquist (LAC) – Safe Sport Committee

Michigan Swimming is always looking for more volunteers (both Coach and other), so if you or a member of your club is interested, contact the Chair of the committee and express your desire to help.

Respectively Submitted,

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