

? September, 2008

To: Meet Referees, Meet Directors and Entry Chairpersons

From: Program Operations
Michigan Swimming, Inc.

RE: Revised Four Hour Rule

You are receiving this letter if you are the Meet Referee, Meet Director, or Entry Chairperson for a swim meet scheduled for the SCY season.

As a Meet Director and Meet Referee you should be aware of all rules regarding the conduct of meets listed in the MS Rules and Procedures on the MS website (www.uss-michigan.com).

We want to make you aware of revisions to the Four Hour Rule that were passed by the Michigan Swimming Board of Directors at the September 9, 2008 meeting. These changes were necessary to bring the rule in compliance with legislation that was passed at the 2007 House of Delegates. The goal of the legislation and revised rule is to address excessive session lengths in a proactive manner and not deal with issues reactively after the meet is concluded.

The entire contents of the revised Four Hour Rules are enclosed with this letter. Please read it and make yourself familiar with them. Michigan Swimming's rule is based on the USA Swimming rule 205.3.1.F.

Please ensure you send a backup of your Meet Manager database to Jan Cartmill (jbcartmill@hughes.net), Margaret Green (mlanegreen@aol.com), and David Brace (dbrace@charter.net) in accordance with the published rule. After your entries close, you should not take anymore entries, even if you have room in your meet. Late entries should be taken as deck entries, if the meet packet allows.

When you send your backup to Jan, she verifies all registration information is correct. If there is a swimmer entered in the meet, and the registration ID is incorrect, she will inform you so you can correct it before the meet. This is important because when you send in your results, any swimmer with a registration ID that does not match the USA Swimming SWIMS database will NOT have their results uploaded into SWIMS. This also delays getting your meet results into the SWIMS database and posted on-line.

When Margaret and David get your backup, we are looking to ensure the seeded session timelines are in compliance with the Four Hour Rule. If there are sessions that violate the rule, the host club will be informed prior to the meet and fines will be paid in accordance with the published rule.

If you have any questions or have an issue with more entries than you can fit into four hours, please call or e-mail us to discuss. Meet Directors should be discussing options with the Meet Referee as well. Communication among all parties is key to a well run meet.

Yours in swimming,

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