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To: MS Board of Directors

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Subject: Proof of Times for LCM State Championship Meet, August 3  
– 6, 2006

Qualifying period: August 4, 2005 – July 28, 2006

Number of Athletes in Meet: 911 (including 99 relay only)

Total entries: 3,881

Number of teams represented: 51

Procedure: Created a file from the Meet Manager (MM) database for this meet and compared it to the "State Meet Qualifying Times Database" (SMQTDB) and the proofs that were sent to me by the clubs.

**RESULTS:**

- Changed seed times for 11 athletes (11 events) who were entered with LCM times but their cut was in SCY. Some of these errors were due to converting times and some were because the LCM swim had occurred outside the qualifying period.
- Removed 4 athletes from 4 events because they had no proof that they swam a qualifying time in the event during the qualifying period. All of these athletes were entered in several other events.

Subsequently I was asked to create a report which would tell us a bit about how Online Meet Entry (OME) would have affected the entries in this meet. Specific questions were: how many "non-official" times were used? What types of non-USA meets generated these non-official times? How many athletes exclusively used non-official times to enter the meet? How many athletes used non-official times to enter a portion of their total events?

In attempting to answer these questions, I used the SWIMS TIMES RECON. This is a fairly new SWIMS feature whereby the file from the MM database is compared to the times contained in SWIMS.

**RESULTS:**

- Found 445 errors from 38 teams. These were categorized as:

- **Time not found** – Entered meet with a time that was not found in SWIMS.
  - **Faster time found** – SWIMS had a faster time.
  - **Conforming time found** – Entered meet with a SCY time but had a LCM QT in SWIMS.
- Number of “non-official” times used: 49.
- What types of non-USA meets generated these “non-official” times:
  - High-school dual meets
  - High-school conference meets
  - Various swim leagues (e.g., WMSL and MTSL)
  - Collegiate dual meets
- How many athletes exclusively used non-official times to enter the meet? 9.
- How many athletes used non-official times to enter a portion of their total events? 33.

#### **NOTES OF INTEREST**

- Most of the proofs that were sent here were for time updates not to prove QTs. OME could force teams to use the official times that were earned in USA Swimming sanctioned, approved or observed meets.
- Some clubs are entering athletes with seed times slower than they’ve earned. In some cases, I believe this is because they do not use the Hy-Tek software to its fullest. Again, OME could help with this.
- Participation in this meet by Y-affiliated clubs (except for CAST) was minimal and probably due to the fact that YMCA Nationals was conducted from August 1 – 4, 2006.
- Two male athletes registered with USA Swimming a week or two before the meet specifically so they could swim in this meet.

Please contact me if you have additional questions.