

Interscholastic Swimming Databases (TM and MM) to USA Swimming Database (SWIMS)

You can enter swimming meets with either your team manager or meet manager software. However, if you enter your swim meets using meet manager software you must re-enter your roster either manually or by importing it from team manager and then manually re-enter their times for their each event the swimmer is entered.

The better choice to enter a swimming meet is to use team manager. You will enter each swimmer's data one time (at the start of the year) and import all their times from MM seamlessly after each meet. All swimmer's times, points, etc are stored in TM. Data can automatically be inserted in each meet there after and imported directly into meet manager for the next meet.

Most of us have a combination of USA Swimming club swimmers and student who only swim high school. Your USA Swimming swimmers would like to be able to use their times from certain high school meets in their club meets.

Not all High School Meets can be APPROVED

- Duals, Tri, etc. cannot be APPROVED
- NON-season ending / culminating meets CAN be APPROVED, but it must come from USA Swimming and requires specific justification

Approval for OBSERVATION must be obtained from the local LSC NTV Chair at least 10 days in prior to the meet.

In order for this to happen certain conditions **must** be met in order for the data to be integrated between the interscholastic database (MM or TM) and the USA Swimming database (SWIMS).

The differences in rules between USA Swimming and NFHS rules are basically in the backstroke turn. So events that contain backstroke could have valid times in the interscholastic meets but not valid in USA Swimming meets.

Mechanisms and procedures are established to manage those swimmers who fail to meet the requirements of the USA Swimming backstroke turns, which include lead-off splits in the medley relay.

1. High School legal – but USA Swimming DQ – will not go into SWIMS Coach, swimmer, etc. will probably not know until well after the fact.
2. It might (?) be possible to inquire of the SWIMS User, the Meet Referee or the NTV Officer on deck, but only AFTER conclusion of the meet – never during!
3. If times have been uploaded to SWIMS in near real time a quick visit to the Database may also provide an answer.

We have many of our club swimmers swim their best time at the UIL/TAPPS/SPC meets during the school year. In order for these times to be used in their USA swimming competition, their record in the meet database needs to contain certain data in the correct format in SWIMS.

Most certified NFHS/UIL swimming officials are also certified USA Swimming Officials as well. On the state meet level about 98% of swimming officials have dual certification.

In order for swimming times to be included in the SWIMS database they must match the **exact names, ID number and date of birth as in the SWIMS database**. In order to make this to happen all high school coaches need to ask their club swimmers to give them a copy of their USA Swimming Registration Card.

The swimmer must be completely and accurately entered into the Meet Manager/Team Manager Database the following data in Meet Manager MUST match exactly – there is NO MARGIN FOR ERROR ALL of the data can be found on the swimmer’s USA Swimming ID Card:

Date of birth

Full legal name – “Preferred” names are mostly irrelevant!

William F. Smith IS NOT the same as Bill F. Smith or Wm. F. Smith or Billy Smith and Suzy P. Brown IS NOT the same as Susan P. Brown

The swimmer’s USA Swimming ID Number must be present and it must be 100% accurate

If ANY ONE of the above in is ANY WAY incomplete or inaccurate, no times for that Swimmer will be allowed in the SWIMS Database and will end up in the Holding Tank.

Below is the format of the USA Swimming ID listed on the swimmer’s registration card.

1. Month, Day, Year for DOB
2. First three letters of First Name
3. Middle Initial
4. First four letters of Last Name
5. An “*” is used for a blank or space.

Enter this number in the field “Reg ID” in MM and “ID” in TM.



CONSTRUCTION OF USA SWIMMING ID NUMBERS

Suzanne Elizabeth Smith / Date of birth: March 24, 1994

0	3	2	4	9	4	S	U	Z	E	S	M	I	T
MO	MO	DA	DA	YR	YR	FR	FR	FR	MI	LA	LA	LA	LA

Rodney Allen Brown / Date of birth: December 4, 1992

1	2	0	4	9	2	R	O	D	A	B	R	O	W
MO	MO	DA	DA	YR	YR	FR	FR	FR	MI	LA	LA	LA	LA

Jo (NMI) Lee / Date of birth: July 23, 1990

0	7	2	3	9	0	J	O	*	*	L	E	E	*
MO	MO	DA	DA		YR	FR	FR	FR	MI	LA	LA	LA	LA