

MEMORANDUM

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TO: NCAA Division II Head Men's and Women's Swimming Coaches, Directors of Athletics and Senior Woman Administrators.

FROM: Roberta Page

Director, Championships and Alliances.

SUBJECT: Swimming Times Database and Championship Entries.

The NCAA in conjunction with USA Swimming once again will be providing an ongoing listing of top times of NCAA Division II student-athlete swimming performances through the times database partnership project. The project involves using the USA Swimming system (SWIMS – membership and times database) to track NCAA Division II men's and women's top performance times. Only times collected using this system will be used for entries to the NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships. NCAA Division II institutions will use the USA Swimming Online Meet Entry system for entering student-athletes into the championships.

USA Swimming will maintain the official team rosters for all Division II men's and women's swimming programs. During the season, USA Swimming will collect all competition results for all bona fide competitions for Division II institutions. USA Swimming will provide the NCAA with public, internet-based searches so that performance data will be available for review. Once the qualifying period ends and all entries have been submitted, USA Swimming will present the data from its OME system (with "official" team rosters and each team's top times) to the NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee for selection into the national championships.

NCAA Coaches To-Do-List. Posted on the Division II men's and women's swimming and diving landing site on www.ncaa.org as well as on www.usaswimming.org/ncaa, you will find a basic timeline for tasks pertaining to the swimming times database. This document should serve as a valuable guide for the system and procedures. Please note, the USA Swimming roster tools will be available as of Sept. 1.

<u>Team Information Forms</u>. Every institution will begin this season with its team information from last season in the USA Swimming SWIMS database. If any changes have been made since last season to the team name, code, conference affiliation, coaching staff or contact information, please complete a new information form by **Friday**, **Sept. 11**. **Changes to team information must be submitted by using an online form. The form can be directly accessed by <u>clicking here</u>. If no changes have been made to your team information, you do not need to submit a new team information form.**

<u>Team Rosters</u>. The roster tools will become available starting Sept. 1. Each institution will be responsible for submitting and managing its official team roster on the USA Swimming website within the roster maintenance tool. **Initial rosters for the 2020-21 season must be updated by Wednesday, Sept. 16.** USA Swimming will make your team's roster report available on request to <u>ncaa@usaswimming.org</u>. You will need to make the student-athlete data in your Hy-Tek roster match exactly the student-athlete data in the USA Swimming roster report (i.e., first name, middle name/initial, last name, DOB, USAS ID and class year). This will ensure that athlete data errors do not prevent your results from making it into the database throughout the season. The online roster download tool should be used by your meet host to download Hy-Tek rosters for your team and ensure all your results make it into the times database.

A coach can make roster additions/updates throughout the season using the roster maintenance tool. Roster removals may be requested by sending a note to ncaa@usaswimming.org. Coaches have the option to use last year's roster as a template by progressing athletes who will compete again this year, rather than entering their information again. Freshmen or transfers must be added manually. Step-by-step instructions on how to start and maintain your 2020-21 swimming roster can be found at www.usaswimming.org/ncaa (under General Information at the bottom of the page).

Meet Results. The objective of this program is that all NCAA Division II times will be tracked and available for viewing on the USA Swimming website. It will be the responsibility of the meet host and/or the head coach from each competing team to submit meet results to ncaa@usaswimming.org within 72 hours after the completion of a competition. Teams may have their times nullified if their meet results are not received within the 72-hour period. Step-by-step instructions on the submission of results can be found at www.usaswimming.org/ncaa (click on the Results Reporting tab under Top Resources). Weekend results will be processed and available for viewing in the USA Swimming NCAA time searches by Wednesday of each week. Coaches will have 48 hours to contest any times. The NCAA top times report may be accessed via the NCAA website at www.ncaa.org throughout the season.

The official roster for all Division II schools will be available online and can be accessed by the host institution when entering student-athletes into its meet management system. Rosters will be available at www.usaswimming.org/times/ncaa/ncaa-division-ii using the roster download tool. Instructions on how to use the roster download tool also are available online at www.usaswimming.org/ncaa (click on the General Information tab under Top Resources). Rosters will be available using this tool in late September after institutions submit their rosters for the season.

<u>Fines/Penalties.</u> Failure to follow the roster and/or the meet results reporting procedures could jeopardize a team's or an individual's eligibility for championships selection. Institutions failing to adhere to the procedures outlined above for the submission of an institution's roster information may be assessed a penalty of \$200 per team/individual. Failure to submit regular-season results as outlined above may be assessed a financial penalty of \$400 per team/individual.

The maximum penalty amount is up to the Swimming and Diving Committee's discretion, subject to approval by the NCAA Division II Championships Committee. An institution assessed such a financial penalty must make payment to the NCAA national office before the institution's team or individual(s) will be allowed to compete in the national championships.

<u>Championships Entries</u>. Entries must be completed online for the 2021 championships. Either the fastest actual relay time, or an aggregate relay time if it is faster, achieved by the institution in bona fide competition will be allowed for entering relays for entry/selection. Teams <u>will not</u> have the option of entering a time slower than the fastest actual or fastest aggregate times. When submitting entries, schools are asked to pull splits from their fastest swim times. Information about the online meet entry system will be posted on the <u>NCAA Division II</u> swimming and diving web page in January.

Please contact me if you have any questions. If you have specific questions about submitting information, you can contact the data processors at USA Swimming, Macie McNichols (719-866-3506; (mmcnichols@usaswimming.org); Larry Herr (719-866-3562; lherr@usaswimming.org).

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