

## **Time Standards**

Time standards have changed. Previously Minnesota Swim (MSI) used their own time standards for all meets. These were CH (champ), A, B and C times.

MSI will continue to use their own champ times, however A,B,C times have been replaced with the National Age Group standard times of A, BB and B times.

## **What Meets can I swim?**

OPEN (formerly ABC) - All swimmers can swim even if you don't have a time for a particular event (often referred to as NT no time swimmers).

BB-Open (formerly BC) - Swimmers may swim any event in which they have a BB time or SLOWER. This also includes NT swimmers.

A Meet - Swimmers may swim any event in which they have achieved an A time or FASTER. No NT swimmers.

Foxjet A/BB Meet - Foxjets has their own time standards set for this meet. Swimmers may swim any event in which they have approximately a BB+ time. No NT swimmers.

C Finals - For 12 and Under swimmers only. Swimmers may swim any event in which they have a B (formerly C) time. No NT swimmers.

B Finals - 12 and under swimmers may swim any event in which they have achieved an A or BB time. 13 and over swimmers may swim any event in which they have achieved a A, BB or B time. Swimmers with Champ times or FASTER may not swim that event. No NT swimmers.

Age Group State - Swimmers may swim any event in which they have achieved a Champ time. Proof of times is required. No NT swimmers.

## **What events can I swim?**

You can only swim events in your age group (8 & U, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16) or Open events. e.g. a 10 year old swimmer cannot swim 11-12 year old events.

It is important to note that if you decide to enter your swimmer in an Open event it may not be in the same session as their age group event. For Short Course season 12 and under boys and 10 and under girls swim in the AM, 13 and over boys and 11 and over girls swim in the PM sessions. All Open events are in the PM sessions.

## **How do I enter a meet?**

The meet schedule is posted on the M3F website under the Meets tab at the top of the window. Then select Fall-Winter 2008-09 Meet Schedule and Entries. As information about meets becomes available to us it is posted to the website as well as the entry due date.

The Info file will contain pool location and directions, warm-up times and other general info about the meet. The OOE contains the Order of Events for the meet.

To enter send an email to Chuck Gannon at [chucknjules@msn.com](mailto:chucknjules@msn.com)  
In this email include your swimmers name and the event numbers and names that your swimmer wishes to swim. e.g.

Joe Swimmer  
Event 4 100IM  
Event 9 100 Breast  
Event 19 100 Fly

Event 61 100 Free  
Event 77 200IM

I don't need full name, USS ID, birth date etc. If I have you registered in my system (and I should), then I already have all this info.

If you have seed times you can specify them, but in the hytek database I have every swimmers time for every event they have swam for M3F. So when I select your swimmer for a given meet it automatically fills in your swimmers best time for that event.

If you have no time for an event and don't give me a seed time, then I will make one up. If you have no times whatsoever, then I will enter you with a B time (formerly C) for a given event otherwise I will estimate based on your times in other events. You can also ask your coach for a seed time estimate.

**IMPORTANT:** When I receive your entry email. I will always send you a response indicating that I received it. If you do not get an email back from me, then I did not get your entry. Entries are posted to the M3F website on the schedule page. Be sure to check this to make sure I have entered your swimmer correctly.

### **What about relays?**

I create as many relays as we have swimmers in that age group swimming in that session. The coaches will determine what swimmers will swim on each relay and the order in which they swim.

### **Other Resources**

The MSI website contains the meet schedule for the full season. Under the meets that we attend you can find the meet information file posted by the host team and the order of events. A few days before the meet they will post the meet timeline. After the meet they will post meet results. The website also contains time standard files. To access the meet schedule go to [www.mnswim.org](http://www.mnswim.org), select the Competition link at the left and the 2008-2009 Meets link.

The USA Swimming website contains all the official results from your swimmer that have been uploaded into the SWIMS database. To find your swimmers results go to [www.usaswimming.org](http://www.usaswimming.org), select the Meet Results link at the left, select Times/Time Standards, then in the main window select Individual Times.

