

MINNESOTA SWIMMING RULES FOR OVERSIZED MEETS

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The host team will accept all entries by the entry deadline – remember that each team hosting a meet must place the date and time or sequentially number every entry envelope as it is received - run the time line and then slim the meet to fit within the four hour rule.

Guidelines to Trim Over-sized Meets:

1. Set the computer for 30 seconds between events for purposes of creating the time line.

2. **ABC Open Meets Only** - the entry deadline is the Wednesday of the week before the meet. If you see that your meet is becoming too large you should do the following:

a. Contact the other teams hosting meets on your same weekend. Is there room in their meet for the team or teams that put you over? If so, contact the team(s) in question and let them know you have sent their entries to the other team.

b. If all weekends are full, then you need to continue with paragraph 3.

3. The four hour rule should be followed with the ability to finish the event once it has been started. If this is not possible, then within 48 hours after the entries have closed, the host team must **contact an MSI Board member to possibly shorten the time between events** to 25, 20, or 15 seconds and see if this 1) makes a difference, and then 2) is even possible to maintain. Contact the Board Members in this order:

1. General Chair
2. Administrative Vice-Chair
3. Age Group Chair

The referee assigned to your meet should be notified as well as the above Board Member (s).

4. Once the four hours have been attained on the time line, the host team should contact team(s) in the other zone(s) to check their size, if other similar meets are being held. Some of the last teams entered by the host club may possibly be able to enter the meet being held in the other zone.

5. If this is not possible, drop relays from session(s) where the meet has become too large and refund relay splash fees to the appropriate clubs.

6. In addition to dropping relays, the host team may need to drop teams from the meet based on the day and order that the entries were received. Meet fees must be refunded to all teams being dropped.

7. The host club should notify the referee of any steps that have been taken. These are progressive steps. The splash restriction numbers previously used by MSI should be for informational use only. The computer timeline will be the final indicator of the need to follow the above stated steps.