

Chapter 12

1299 Acceptance of Non-Conforming Times

General

- Non-conforming (NC) times are defined as an entry time recorded in a course other than the course in which the Meet which is being entered will be swum.
- All entry times – whether Conforming or Non-conforming – must be achieved in a USA Swimming Sanctioned, Observed or Approved Meet, or a Middle Atlantic Accepted Meet.
- Non-conforming times must be accepted for entry to all Middle Atlantic (MA) Sanctioned Meets – whether the Meet is hosted by MA or a Club.
- Exception: MA retains the option to limit entry to either MIDS or JOs to entry times achieved during the current season – i.e., either SCY or SCM for the Short-course Spring Meets, and LC only for the Long-course Summer Meets. Approval for such restriction on entry times must be obtained from the MA House of Delegates (or Board of Directors) for each Meet.
- All Non-Conforming entry times should be seeded in the NC time order as specified in the USA Swimming Rulebook, section 207.5.10B (1) and (2). This is required for MA Championship Meets.
- If it becomes necessary for Meet Management to limit the number of heats in any event, swimmers entered with conforming times should have preference over those entered with NC times. Any such events which may be limited in this way should be stated in the Meet Information.

Meets with Qualifying Times

- The Meet Information for all Meets (or events) having a Qualifying Time (e.g., MIDS, JOs, 'A' Meets, etc.) must include the appropriate Qualifying Time for all three courses (i.e., SCY, SCM, and LC).
- When the Qualifying Time is equivalent to a USA Swimming Time Standard, the corresponding Time Standard for the other courses should be the equivalent USA Swimming Time Standard. When a Qualifying Time has been modified, an equivalent time for the other courses should be calculated using factors provided by the MA Office.
- For distance Freestyle events, the qualifying time should be for a comparable distance in alternate venues – e.g., 400/500, 800/1000, or 1500/1650 m/yd, respectively. These events must always be seeded on a Non-conforming basis.

A/BB/C, or Comparable Meets

- A Swimmer may enter these Meets using their best time obtained in any of the courses.
- An appropriate Time Standard for all three courses must be entered in the Hy-Tek Meet Manager program; Awards should be based on the appropriate 'level' based on the standard for the entry time in the venue in which it was achieved.
- Non-conforming times should be seeded appropriately.
- A swimmer may enter their 'best-time' in any venue, and will be seeded and scored accordingly. For example, a swimmer may choose to enter their best 'conforming' time, even though they may have a higher level 'non-conforming' time. However, a swimmer with either a 'conforming' or 'non-conforming' time in an event may not enter that event with 'NT'. Entries with 'NT' should be seeded in the first heats and awarded at the lowest time standard for the Meet.

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GUIDELINE

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Entry Date for Out-of-LSC Teams

- FOR LONG-COURSE MEETS ONLY, an Early Entry Date of no less than seven (7) or more than fourteen (14) days prior to the Final Entry Deadline shall be specified and included in the Meet Information. Only entries from Middle Atlantic (MA) Clubs may be accepted prior to and including the Early Entry Date; Entries from Out-of-LSC Teams (i.e., not Middle Atlantic) may not be accepted until after the Early Entry Deadline.
- Dates for approval and distribution of the Meet Information for Long Course Meets shall be based on the Early Entry Date.
- Middle Atlantic, or any Club hosting a LC Meet, may elect to hold a Closed Meet – i.e., a Meet limited to MA Clubs.
- The Senior or Age-Group Committee shall recommend whether a MA Championship Meet will be Open or Closed, subject to approval by the MA House of Delegates or Board of Directors.