



NCSA Junior Nationals Update #2:

NCSA Committed Teams;

Well, we're less than a week before the close of entries and 12 days from the start of the meet. Hope all of your Championship seasons are going well and your final rest phase have you as excited as we are about Juniors.

A couple of items today:

#1: The Numbers:

Last year we had 1,200 swimmers competing after having 160 teams committed (pre-meet), at the same time this year, we have 177 teams committed...

#2: Entries Reminders:

First thing, remember, there are **NO PAPER ENTRIES** and **NO CHECKS**, entry for the meet is required through the USA Swimming OME System, do not send anything to Colorado Springs or our office in Phoenix. The OME System is great for entering your teams, and makes the pre-meet management for this meet extremely easy. I encourage you to get into the OME system early, so that if we have issues with athlete registration, missing times, etc. we can deal with them as they come up, rather than 11:30pm on Tuesday night. Remember, you can always go back and make edits and additions until midnight on Tuesday (3/14/06).

#3: Entry Help:

Because the OME System uses the USA Swimming database of athletes and swims, what you have in front of you might not be the same thing as what's in the database in Colorado Springs. If you need help with athlete registration, kids showing up as unattached/wrong team, or times that are missing or incorrect, USA Swimming has two great people up in Colorado Springs to help with these issues:

Larry Herr, [lherr@usaswimming.org](mailto:lherr@usaswimming.org), (719) 866-3562

Susan Woessner, [swoessner@usaswimming.org](mailto:swoessner@usaswimming.org), (719) 866-3589

Larry and Susan have been a great help on this stuff so far, and we owe them a lot of thanks!!! Remember, they check their emails and calls at work, so you need to contact them during normal business hours (not at 11:30pm Tuesday night)...

If you have questions about bonus swims, or anything about the meet, procedures, eligibility, officiating, coaches, the NCSA, on the deck stuff, or anything that sounds confusing in the meet information, please don't hesitate to get a hold of me (I'm a coach just like you and am going through the same things you are) and when it gets down to the entry deadline, I'll be at my desk until the late hours if any procrastinators need help:

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#4: Last Minute Entries:

As always, the meet schedules for Sectionals, State Meets, JO's, etc. don't always coincide with entry deadlines... so we have "Last-Minute Entries". Once entries close, there will be a form on the NCSA website for "Last-Minute Entries" for swims done after the close of entries.

#5: Declaration of Foreign Athletes

We have a form online for coaches to declare foreign athletes and their status, if your athletes are not US Citizens, but their families live and work in the US, they are welcome to participate in the meet, but need to fill out the form to declare their status:

<http://ncsassociation.homestead.com/ForeignStatus.html>

#6: Officials:

If you have officials traveling with you who would like to officiate and join JR Pooler's Crew... there is a form on the website that we can get you together with JR and help out this great meet.

Ok, that's it for now... if you need anything, let us know and we'll get it taken care of, we're coaches just like you and our priority for this meet is simple "For the good of the swimmers"...

See you in Orlando!!!!

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