

Virginia LMSC Top Ten and Records Annual Report 2010-11

General Comments about the Top Ten Process

The End to End Event Management (E2EEM) system, a national-level process for managing competitive events, is getting closer to completion. This year the web tools for uploading meet results and processing them to create the Top 10 submissions for each season have been substantially improved. There is now an expectation that LMSC Top Ten Recorders will be uploading all meet results into the national results database; indeed, this is a new LMSC Minimum Requirement. It is hoped that complete compliance will be achieved over the next couple of years, so that all sanctioned meets, and many recognized meets, will be in the results database. The significance of this for our members is that the "Current Event Rankings" will be increasingly accurate.

The new LMSC requirement is that meet results will be uploaded into the national DB within 2 weeks of the meet. The results may be unofficial, though they should become official as soon as feasible. **I think that we need to make it a requirement of Sanction, and a strong recommendation for Recognition, that the meet host provides the LMSC Top Ten Recorder the meet results in an appropriate electronic format within two weeks of the event.** An "appropriate" electronic format would be: MM backup or CL2 export file. Moreover, **if the meet host does not own a copy of Meet Manager, I recommend that they be provided one by the LMSC;** the cost can be (at least partly) reimbursed if the event turns a profit.

More news: the E2EEM "front end" (sanctions) is just about ready for pilot testing. This will streamline the sanctions application and granting process and will automatically add the event to the USMS calendar.

In uploading an error-free results file, online registration is very helpful. I think it should be (strongly) recommended for meet hosts to use this, though I think paper registration should also always be provided. For reference: there were 53 events advertised on the "Upcoming Events" part of the website. Eleven of these (21%) were mail-entry only, 25 (47%) were online only, and the rest allowed both online and mail entries.

By the Numbers

In the last three complete seasons (SCY11, SCM10, LCM10), here is how the LMSC fared. As a reminder, the seasons are June 1 thru May 31 for SCY, Oct 1 thru Sept 30 for LCM and Jan 1 thru Dec 31 for SCM.

Season	USMS Top 10	USMS #1	FINA Top 10	FINA #1	LMSC Records	ZRs/NRs/WRs
SCY 2011	157	33	n/a	n/a	137	13/3/--
SCM 2010	179	40	63	8	164	12/0/0
LCM 2010	146	22	46	6	126	14/1/1

The above tallies combine relay and individual performances. Note that times from Recognized meets (notably Senior Games and USA-S meets) are not eligible for inclusion in FINA Top Ten.

In the year 2010 there were also: 15 pool individual All-Americans, 30 pool relay All-Americans, and 13 long distance All-Americans. All-American status is awarded at the end of the year to a swimmer finishes ranked #1 in at least one event in his/her age group. In 2010 we also had four All-Stars: two pool, two long distance. All-Stars are swimmers who had the most top-ranked swims in his/her age-group. Further details are given on the LMSC website.

Given its size, the LMSC does quite well at the national level. In a "Mythical National Championship" scored from USMS Top Ten swims, the LMSC places 10th, 9th, and 11th in the SCY11, SCM10 and LCM10 seasons. In those same seasons, VMST placed 6th, 5th and 7th nationally. These rankings include all teams, regional and local; in fact, in the recently-completed SCY11 season, VMST was the 2nd-ranked "local" team, training Walnut Creek by a mere 58 points. See the LMSC website for more details.

Since 2006, I have been attempting to assign meets and dates to all LMSC records (partly for quality control purposes). There are currently 1424 individual LMSC records: 81.0% of them have a specific meet identified for them, and 95.3% of them have a date associated with them. There are 212 relay LMSC records: 79.7% of them have a meet assigned and 89.6% of them have a date.

Respectfully,

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