

Motion 2210VCO01 Penalty for entering a meet with an unverifiable qualifying time

Executive Committee Members,

Your vote is required for some immediate action by the Pacific Swimming Board of Directors. Due to the updates being made to SWIMS by USA Swimming, we've started to run into some logistical issues with meets that require time verification to qualify for entry. In order to ensure that events are not swam without a qualifying time, we would like to approve the following emergency, temporary motion:

For each event that an athlete swims (completes) without a verifiable qualifying time, a fine of \$50 will be billed to that athlete's club. This fine will be effective immediately and upheld until such time that USA Swimming has updated SWIMS to be able to run time verifications electronically prior to meets.

Additionally Information and Rational:

- 1) We need an alternate process for time verification, because without being able to run a verification check through SWIMS, the only option is to individually manually check all ~700 athletes and their entries. This is not realistic.
- 2) This fine would apply to to the Nov 4-6 Senior 2, which is already sanctioned. Moving forward it would apply to JO's, FW, Senior 2 meets until we are able to run a file through SWIMS again. We do not currently have a date for when SWIMS will have this function, but USAS is working on it. This will not apply to Zone meets or other sanctioned competition; only PC meets with qualifying times.
- 3) For the Nov Senior 2, an entry list would be sent to coaches prior to the meet. They then have the opportunity to identify any times that they are invalid. They can also declare a false start at the meet if necessary to avoid the fine.
- 4) At the meet, anyone who does not meet the qualifying standard, will have to submit proof of time. If they are not able to do so, the club will be fined \$50 for each falsified entry. If an athlete is entered in bonus events based upon an unverifiable time, the athlete will not be allowed to swim those bonus events.
- 5) The admin on site should have a list of bonus entries to help sort that out at the meet.

Please **cast your vote** by replying to this email prior to the House of Delegates Meeting, this **Sunday, October 16, 2022 at 8:30 am**. You need not 'reply all' with your vote, if you do not wish, but feel free to reply all with any questions or discussion points.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated,

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