

Z1S Comments on Motions 1709MR1 and 1709MR2

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I acknowledge that real problems are trying to be addressed by these two motions. We see it in our meets with a long list of registration issues that we need to handle. There are even more problems with the labor intensive work of the meet director who has to manually review all the entries and verify the swim times.

But, instead of complicating our documentation and creating situations that may punish the swimmers through cancellation of meets and not recording their swim times because of circumstances they do not control; we should be automating and eliminating the chance for all these problems to happen.

We need to support online registration and payment. Eliminate the many, many checks that our treasurer has to process. Eliminate the manual entry of registration information. Allow a parent to register and pay at the meet through their cell phone when they discover their swim club did not register their child. Better yet, check the registration at the time that entries are being made. Why wait to fix it at the meet. No dates to meet getting files to Pacific or for sending in registrations and checks. Tons of manual labor eliminated. Swim times should be pulled in from the SWIMS database. The meet directors would gladly give up that part of their job.

This has to be a nationwide problem and I'm surprised that USA Swimming has not put in place a system for all the LSC's to use. If we can't get USA-S to do it for us, get together with other LSC's to get it done. If that doesn't work, Pacific really needs to step up to the task.

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