

## FAQ's for 2011/2012 USA Swimming IM Xtreme Games

### General:

**Q1.** Can entries from teams in LSCs other than the ones listed in the Meet Announcement be accepted?

**A1.** Yes, entries from teams in other LSCs may be accepted with prior approval from the Age Group Development Committee.

**Q2.** Can the meet host change the warm-up and start times for the sessions if the entries are smaller or larger than expected?

**A2.** For safety reasons or optimum preparation for competition, the host may modify the warm-up times. All attending athletes and/or teams must be notified of such a change prior to the start of the meet. Session start times should remain as published.

**Q3.** Can an LSC send an All Star team?

**A3.** Yes, but they are not allowed to participate in the Team Awards.

### Meet software:

**Q4.** Can the meet be run with Meet Manager 3.0?

**A4.** Yes, Meet Manager 3.0 includes some features that are necessary to run this meet. BUT Meet Manager 4.0 is the preferred version. It has added features for handling DQ's separate from NS and NT situations. MM 4.0 also handles team scoring for awards.

### Scoring:

**Q5.** How is the scoring set up?

**A5.** Set-up/Entry/Scoring Preferences/Scoring Awards/Hy-Tek Single Age Group Points. Also check the box for Show decimals if Hy-Tek Points.

**Q6.** How are DQ's, NT's and NS's handled? Do they impact who can receive awards?

**A6a.** DQ's are processed normally; check the DQ box and enter the infraction code. Swimmers who are disqualified for any swim are not excluded from receiving an award. The IMX scoring will continue to calculate for a disqualification when the appropriate box is checked in Combined Event Rankings/Combined Events for Scoring.

**A6b.** No Shows (No Time): an athlete with a No Show for any event cannot receive an award nor have his/her score counted toward a Team Award. No Shows cannot be broken out separately in Meet Manager 3.0 and must be tracked manually. They can be separated and excluded from scoring with MM 4.0. **If using MM 3.0:** at the end of the meet, before awards are finalized, remove all swimmers in the Top 16 that have a No Show for any event. Manually re-number the rankings for receiving awards and for using scores to compile Team awards.

**Q7.** How are the results printed after each event?

**A7.** Results must be displayed in Hy-tek Special Points. Your database has been set to show the IMX points for each swimmer. To print that data, Score or List in the Run mode **cannot** be used. At the end of each event when the event shows "Done", go to

Reports/Results to list the results showing the point scores. The sub-categories are already marked as follows:

- Columns/Format: Columns – Single; Page break when gender changes; Athlete ID – None; Time Stamp - Date/Time
- Include in Results: Spec Pts; No Shows; DQ Codes
- Splits/Sort Order/Selected Teams: Splits - Cumulative/Subtractive; Sort Order - Event # Order; Selected Teams - All Teams

**Q8.** Can the rankings for individuals and teams be calculated and posted as the meet is being run or do you have to wait until the end of the meet to determine that information?

If so, how are the reports run?

**A8a. For individuals:** Yes, the software will calculate individual scores as each event finishes. To run the reports, go to Reports/Scores/Combined Events (upper right area on screen)/Special Points (bottom right of screen). Select the appropriate event. Go to the bottom of the screen for:

- **Format tab:** Report type- individual; Points – Special Points
- **Combined Events tab:** for MM 3.0 check the box for Include NT's, NS's and DQ's in rankings and manually adjust the ranking order excluding those athletes with NT's; for MM 4.0 check the box for Include DQ's – do not check the box to include NT's and NS's;
- **Grouping Options tab:** Limit Finish Places for Points When Using Special Points – put 25 or higher in the box for MM 3.0 (if you have more No Shows in the top 16, then you may need a higher number); put 16 in the box for MM 4.0.

The report will show the cumulative scores to that point in the competition.

At the end of each session prior to the last one, post the cumulative scoring totals for each swimmer. For MM 3.0, manually adjust the printed rankings on the hardcopy scores to exclude any swimmers who were No Shows for any event.

**A8b. For teams:** MM 3.0 will not calculate team scores using only the top 16 finishers for each event. That has to be done with an Excel spreadsheet program that will be sent to you upon request with instructions on how to compile the scores by exporting out the data from the Meet Manager database, bringing the data into Excel and running a macro to compile the team scores.

MM 4.0 will calculate the team scores using only the top 16 finishers by choosing Team rather than Individual on the Format tab. The software has been set to use only the top 16 finishers. Note: This is a new feature of MM 4.0. When tested, it was not entirely accurate in its calculation. If you use MM 4.0 and you have teams that are close to each other in total points, it is a good idea to manually check the point totals or use the Excel spreadsheet export method to verify that the software is correct in its calculation.