

I believe we need to make a change in the wording in the Penalties and Fines area of our Policies.

Current Wording of Policy:

C. Classifications, Time Standards and Entries

.6 Penalties and Fines

.b For illegal entries

.1 For clubs entering swimmers not legally registered with USA Swimming prior to the first day of the meet, the club may be fined \$100 per swimmer in each event so entered.

Change the wording to: Swimmers not legally registered with USA Swimming prior to the first day of the meet may be fined \$100 in each event entered.

I recommend taking that statement out of .b and giving it its own letter because it is not an illegal "entry" since swimmers are allowed to register up through the day before the meet. (If they swim in the meet, it is an illegal swim not entry.) #b.4 should still apply because the fine should be levied on the club if the swimmer is attached.

Here's how we could re-order things:

6. Penalties and Fines

- a. No change
- b. For Illegal Entries:
 - (1) A swimmer illegally participating in an event shall be disqualified and the event rescored and awarded.
 - (2) A fine of up to \$100 will be assessed for an illegal entry.
- c. Swimmers not legally registered with United States Swimming prior to the first day of the meet may be fined \$100 in each event entered.
- d. If representing a club in competition, the fine will be levied on the club, if unattached, the fine will be levied on the swimmer.
- e. A fine of \$100 per event will be levied again a person submitting. . . . (old #(5)) - no change
- f. A fine of \$100 per event will be levied against a club that enters a swimmer. . . (old #(6)) - no change
- g. Assessment of Penalties and Fines (old c.) - no change

Or, we could re-do the entire thing as follows:

6. Penalties and Fines:

- a. A fine of up to \$100 per event may be assessed for any of the following:
 - (1) Entries using fraudulent and/or non-verifiable entry times
 - (2) Illegal entries (see section H for definition)
 - (3) Swimmer not registered with USA-S prior to the first day of the meet

- (4) Submitting a document that indicated a swimmer is properly registered with USA-S for a meet when, in fact, that swimmer is not properly registered.
- (5) Entering a swimmer as attached to a club when, in fact, that swimmer is unattached. (Applies to VSI and non-VSI competition)
- b. A swimmer illegally participating in an event shall be disqualified and the event shall be rescored and awarded. (*Question: Can we disqualify a swimmer for an illegal entry or do we just switch him/her to "exhibition" so that the time stands?*)
- c. If the swimmer is representing a club in competition, the fine will be levied on the club, if unattached, the fine will be levied on the swimmer.
- d. Assessment of Penalties and Payment of Fines: no change.