

Proposal 2016-4

Proposed change to Section 8. Relays of the ROC

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FROM:

Article V. GENERAL LEAGUE RULES FOR SWIMMING COMPETITION

Section 8. Relays:

D. Relays will be declared in the City Championship. The City Meet Director may provide RCSL Representatives updated declaration procedures prior to the day of the meet. Unless updated, the established method of declaring the relay team members has been for the coach to write the first and last name of each relay team member, along with any alternates, on the back of the card. The relay must be composed of swimmers whose names appear on the back of the card, but they may alter their order of swimming. City Meet relays are timed finals.

TO:

Article V. GENERAL LEAGUE RULES FOR SWIMMING COMPETITION

Section 8. Relays:

D. Relays will be declared in the City Championship. The City Meet Director may provide RCSL Representatives updated declaration procedures prior to the day of the meet. Unless updated, a swimmer will be considered "declared" as a relay team member (ie eligible to swim) in any relay for which they are qualified. A qualified swimmer is defined as being a swimmer already entered and participating in City Meet. The swimmers in the relay and their order must be written clearly on the pink/blue/white card while in clerk of course. The lane timer MUST record the names and order on the lane timer sheet from the card prior to the relay swim. City Meet relays are timed finals.

## REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

The original wording for this requirement dates back to prior to the computerization of the League. In an attempt to maintain the declaration requirement per the ROC, the League has handled this requirement by allowing teams to submit alternates in team manager and then labels being generated and put onto back of pinks/blues/whites. This is an intensive manual process. In addition, the majority of teams have simply been declaring all of their swimmers as alternates so in affect declaring the whole age group anyway.

This change will result in a simpler procedure for City Meet personnel prior to the meet, a more accurate paper (lane timer sheets) and electronic record of who swam the relay and in what order, and have no change to the coaching nature of City Meet (as most teams are declaring all swimmers as alternates, which is within the current rules of the ROC)

Lane timers already have the job of verifying the swimmer on the card matches their lane timer sheet and updates lane timer sheet as appropriate for individual events so this will actually standardize their responsibility for all [events](#).