

DATA VERIFICATION

Data Verification is the last step in the race results posting process. Verifiers check the results of each race after the Computers volunteers prepare them to ensure that the final results accurately reflect the data gathered by the Lane Timers or the Dolphin timing system. Verifiers also ensure that any disqualifications (DQs) are properly reflected in the results.

HOME AND AWAY MEETS:

The procedure for Data Verification depends on whether the meet is using manual timing or the Dolphin timing system.

MANUAL TIMING

The Computers volunteers will enter the times from the swimmer index cards and event sheets into the system for each heat and race. Once the results from all heats from each event are entered, the Computers volunteers will print the preliminary results. Any DQ slips and the index card/event sheet for that particular race will be attached to the print out of the results.

1. Check the swimmer timer cards and DQ slips against the printed results for accuracy. A DQ'ed swimmer will have no finals time recorded, and there should be a code indicating the reason for the DQ.
2. If there are errors, note them on the results printout and return it to the Computers volunteers.
3. When there are no errors and the results are accurate, initial the results sheet and return it to the Computers volunteers.

DOLPHIN TIMING SYSTEM

The Dolphin system captures swimmers' times from three Dolphin timer devices used by Lane Timers in each swim lane, so there is usually no manual entry of times. There will be one Lane Timer per swim lane using a stopwatch and noting times manually on a lane event sheet. Upon completion of all heats from each event, the event sheets and DQ slips are given to the Data Verification volunteers.

1. Use a computer to compare the preliminary results against the lane event sheets and DQ slips.
2. Ensure that any DQs are reflected in the race results. NOTE: A DQ'ed swimmer will have no finals time recorded, and there should be a code noted to indicate the reason for the DQ.
3. Compare the results in the lane event sheets, which contain only the manual timer's result, against the preliminary Dolphin-captured result for each swimmer. The Dolphin times will not be exactly the same as the manual Lane Timer's result, but they should be close.
 - If they are not close, bring the disparity to the attention of a Computers volunteer who then will compare the three Dolphin results for that swimmer with the manual Lane Timer's result and make changes or corrections as necessary.
4. If time cards are used for any races, such as relays, check the preliminary results against the time cards for accuracy.