



From: Jim Holcomb, Chair
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Subject: Mixed Gender Relay Clarification

TO: LSC Officials

There has been some misunderstanding and confusion involving mixed gender relays.

1. By rule (101.7.3), a mixed gender relay **MUST** consist of two (2) males and (2) females. A mixed gender relay in any other combination of males and females is not a legal relay.
2. Please point out to all of your AO's and referees, that while rule (102.1.4) allows events to be sanctioned and seeded as a single event, without regard to swimmers' ages and genders, this does **NOT** make the event a "mixed gender relay."
3. Additionally, combining of teams of single gender relays (male & female) into one heat to reduce the number of heats may be done on the pool deck, this combination does **NOT** create a "mixed gender" relay.
4. If "mixed gender" relays and single gender relays are combined into a single heat, they **MUST** be separated out into the correct event number prior to scoring and prior to uploading the times to SWIMS.
5. USA Swimming does not use "exhibition swims" as do some other swimming groups.

Thanks. If you have any questions or need additional clarification, do not hesitate to contact me.

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