

# NON-SANCTIONED MEET TIMES SEARCH AND TOP TIMES LEADERBOARD COMING SOON!

## FAQS

### **Why did USA Swimming create this member service?**

- In a world where large meets are unlikely to occur, USA Swimming recognizes the need to provide racing opportunities to all USA Swimming registered clubs.
- This Non-Sanctioned virtual meet solution ensures that all clubs across the country can participate in FUN racing and competition today, even if you do not subscribe to a meet management software or cannot satisfy USA Swimming's Officials and timing systems requirements for Sanctioned competitions.
- With the ability to load all Non-Sanctioned times into the SWIMS database without sacrificing the data integrity of Sanctioned times, there is more incentive to track results and submit results files.
- With this solution, swimmers can enjoy a competitive atmosphere while clubs can quickly host a meet without the typical restrictions and planning required.

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### **How long will it take for Non-Sanctioned Virtual meets to be loaded into SWIMS?**

Non-Sanctioned virtual meets will be loaded within 72 hours of receiving the emailed results.

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### **What is a virtual meet?**

A virtual meet allows club teams to compete against each other but swim locally within their own LSC's or difference LSC's. It is a collection of competitions that may occur at different pools with results sent to a central location to be merged into a collective database of results.

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### **What is the difference between a Sanctioned meet and a Non-Sanctioned meet?**

Non-Sanctioned meets are FUN competitions that are completely free and do not have any officiating or automated timing system requirements per the USA Swimming rule-book. The times for these meets DO NOT count for any purposes other than fun racing. Sanctioned meets satisfy all USA Swimming rules with proper timing requirements and officiating requirements. These times count for meet entry and all other USA Swimming programs.

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## What is the Virtual Meet Simulator?

The [Virtual Meet Simulator](#) is a member service to USA Swimming members. Have you ever wondered what team would have won the meet if the Illinois Age Group Championship was combined the Indiana Age Group Championship? The Virtual Meet Simulator allows the end user to compare any Sanctioned or Non-Sanctioned meet results and print the results to a pdf. The Simulator will simulate the results of the meet and the final team scores. Please note that the Simulator only works for meets that have been loaded into the USA Swimming database.

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## Can I run a Non-Sanctioned Virtual Meet with off events (75 Free, 75 Back, etc.)?

Yes, you can, but off event times **WILL NOT** be loaded into the SWIMS database. Feel free to host any non-sanctioned competition with off events, but please do not send the results to USA Swimming. Within your meet management software, a workaround is to run "off events" as Time Trials. Then when you export results, you can exclude the time trial events from the export that is sent to USA Swimming.

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## Can I run a meet with Hytek Meet Manager, Team-Unify Touch Pad, SwimTopia's Meet Maestro, or Swimmingley?

Yes! As long as you export results into the correct file format (.sd3 (Hytek, [SwimTopia's Meet Maestro](#), [Swimmingley](#)), .cl2 (Team-Unify, HyTek), .lef (Omega), .xml), USA Swimming will load your results into SWIMS.

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## What is the difference between USA Swimming's Virtual option and what other third party vendors are offering?

Other third party vendors are offering the ability for teams to merge meet results before sending the results to USA Swimming. The USA Swimming Virtual meet solution allows any club to compete against any other club, regardless of whether the competition is sanctioned (even if the club does not have a Meet Manager software). The main difference with the USA Swimming solution is that results are loaded into the SWIMS database separately and then can be combined via the the Virtual Meet Simulator.

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## Can I search my times from Non-Sanctioned Virtual meets?

Yes! At [usaswimming.org/times/virtual-offerings/non-sanctioned-meets](https://usaswimming.org/times/virtual-offerings/non-sanctioned-meets), you can search all of your non-sanctioned times. Please note that times **do not** count towards meet entry or any USA Swimming program. This times search is merely a member service so you don't have to track times yourself!

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## **What is the Leaderboard?**

The Leaderboard is a top times search of all non-sanctioned meets. Times can be filtered by gender, age group, course, stroke, and distance

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## **What if my club does not have a meet management software?**

If your club does not have access to a meet management software, you have two options:

- 1) Purchase a meet management software like Team Unify Touch Pad (Both Swim Office and Swim Office Pro include access to Touch Pad), Swimmingly, HyTek Meet Manager, or SwimTopia's Meet Maestro (offering free trial through the end of the year).
- 2) Download a Demo version of Active Meet Manager. With this demo, you will be able to run a meet with a maximum of 6 events. Please refer to the Active Meet Manager Demo Guide.