Automation Notes
2009-3

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These notes are written primarily for Division Data Coordinators to highlight automation related items. The notes can be freely distributed to their respective teams as required. Unless otherwise noted, "data coordinator" refers to the division data coordinator as opposed to team data personnel. A copy will be maintained on the NVSL web site in the Automation Notes – 2009 folder of Documents.

Hy-Tek Team Manager & Meet Manager:

1. A couple divisions have reported TM database issues and subsequent MM database issues after importing entries from the affected TM databases. **In preparation for the Relay Carnivals, have ALL teams do the following BEFORE making selections and exporting their entries**: 1) Check for, and install updates to TM – current version is release 5.0Gi, and 2) Repair/compact the database a couple times. Taking these two steps should preclude any cascading issues as we conduct divisional and all start meets. We suspect there was a problem with the 5.0Gh version that was superseded within a week and that any teams which upgraded to the Gh version might have partially corrupted TM databases.

2. A minor update to the Relay Carnival procedures (NVSL_RelayCarnival_Procedures_v1d-1.pdf) will be posted on 7/4 to the NVSL web site at Document Center>NVSL>Hy-Tek>Documentation in the document center. Key changes are: 1) clarification of entry restrictions on number of relays per athlete, 2) procedure to verify compliance with entry restrictions, and 3) revision to the process of changing swimmer names in a relay when running the meet.

3. All team Hy-Tek related issues and questions should first be reported to the Division Data Coordinator for resolution. If they are unable to resolve the problem, A-meet issues will be handled by Kurt Willstatter <automation4nvsl@earthlink.net> and B-meet issues will be handled by Dan Joyce <dojgeg@verizon.net>.

NVSL Web Site

1. Many of you have been noticing significant delays in posting results files to the web. The results processing is a background process that can take up to 15min per meet depending on the loads on the two servers being used to host the site. There're 84 meets across three leagues that are posted each Saturday. That, coupled with over 200,000 hits as parents and athletes are trying to browse results (a foreground process), is pushing the processing to the 15min/meet mark.

If your results are 20 or 30 down in the queue, it could take up to 7 or 8 hours before they post. The web developer is looking into ways to reduce the delays, but don't expect a solution anytime soon.

2. A couple teams have found and corrected misspellings of athlete names. In and of itself, this isn't a problem and theoretically would only affect the TM database of the athlete's team. In the age of the web and our ever growing online results database, that's not the case. The database server has no way of determining that a new name is simply a correction or a new swimmer. To correct the online database, all historical meets that had the incorrect spelling must be corrected and the respective corrected results files reposted in order to "get rid" of the incorrectly spelled swimmer and accrue the results to the correct swimmer.

3. Forward web site access issues to help@ionicweb.com, copy to automation4nvsl@earthlink.net and Steve Burnley <tasks4me@aol.com> for resolution.

Other Notes

1. Thanks for rapidly getting the word out across the league on the revised meet download procedures. One week to transition with very little notice was exceptional.

2. Joe Mattis is starting an update cycle for the TM and MM user manuals. If you've got teams that are frustrated with the documentation, see if they're willing to be testers for the new and improved drafts as they come out. Email automation4nvsl@earthlink.net if you've got candidates.