

Rationale for Swimmingley use and Season Athlete fee (\$10 per swimmer):

1. Automation of rosters:
 - A. Rosters are mandatory for each club to follow FCSL rules and for contact tracing. This has proven difficult for coaches to provide in a timely manner.
 1. In years past, it has put a huge burden and time drain on league administrators (particularly for championship entries)
 2. Takes onus off coaches to provide accurate name, DOB and contact info - especially with new kids appearing the day of a meet.

2. Centralized contact info availability for all league participants:
 - A. Digital access of email and phone numbers of athlete guardians for league administrators (password protected) and coaches (for their teams)
 1. Ability to quickly disseminate information to full league, specific teams or event participants (e.g. weather delay at Counties)
 2. Ability to send FCSL liability waiver to all participants

3. Semi-automatic timing system - easier for scorekeepers and timers:
 - A. Only need 2 timers per lane NOT 3 when using the app. LESS VOLUNTEERS and more COVID friendly.
 1. Semi-automatic systems tend to be more accurate than stopwatch times because all devices start at the same time. This is a MORE accurate method than stopwatches. Can also run stopwatches as backup.
 - B. Less paper on deck (Per 2020 league approved rules, FCSL is not supplying timer pads anymore).
 1. Scorekeepers will not need to decipher scribbled, wet timers sheets.
 2. Simplifies Timer role - just input the swimmer number. Timers will not need to stress over figuring out who is swimming, how to spell their name, circling the middle time or simply holding a pencil and a pad that often gets wet.
 3. It's environmentally friendly.
 4. No more traditional runners needed (1-2 less volunteers). This job is also not COVID friendly as difficult to keep distanced

4. Ease of Results & Ribbons:
 - A. Provisional results instantly available with ability to easily update final results (even after publishing) if needed.
 - B. No more inputting handwritten results. Swimmingley files can produce championship meet entry files. Swimmingley files are also compatible with Hy-Tek & Team Unify.
 - C. Access and sort best times by swimmer/event/etc. within the system to aid in meet lineups.
 - D. For traditional, in-person meets – ability to send PDF of ribbon labels to printer on the fly mid-meet and sort by event, team, name, etc. Avery 5260 address labels (1"x2.6", 30 on a sheet) available at CVS, Staples, etc.
 - E. Scorekeeper and ribbon writer roles can be combined decreasing the amount of volunteers needed at a meet.

5. Flexibility for coaches:
 - A. Use Swimmingley Clubhouse App as much or as little as you want for meets.

1. Option 1: Create your entries & lineups in the Clubhouse App prior to your meet. (The print out version can be submitted to score table 15 min prior to the start of the meet - this is considered official meet lineup)
 1. Easily access best times by child/event
 2. Monitors FCSL 4-event rule
 3. Kids and parents (if you want):
 - a. Can know their events and lane assignments ahead of time
 - b. Receive push notifications 3 heats prior (means less missed events and ability to control number of parents on deck)
 4. Provisional results and scores available immediately
 2. Option 2: Don't use Clubhouse App for meet entries/lineups
 1. Use a format you're comfortable with: pencil and paper, Hy-Tek Team Manager, etc. (print out or handwritten version to be submitted to score table 10 min prior to the conclusion of warm up considered official meet lineup). Just like in the past.
 2. System will know (based on assigned swimmer numbers) who swims each event. Scorekeeper's responsibility is to check the result input matches the printed line-up (just as they always have – but now they don't have to write down the time, nor input or add up the scores)
 3. Provisional results and scores available immediately
- B. Either option eliminates the need for scorekeepers to scramble during warmups transcribing score sheets and deciphering often illegible timer sheets. All they need to do is watch the iPad for results coming in and confirm the names match the printed/handwritten hardcopy lineups (including any lineup changes).
- C. If a visiting team does not use Swimmingly, that team will be assigned temporary numbers so the home team can run the full meet using Swimmingly.
- D. For mid meet changes follow traditional FCSL Swimming rules (IV.M.6.a). Simply note the change on the hard copy paper lineup. No need to merge or unmerge the meet - no updated file import necessary. Just swim who you have noted should swim. The updated swimmer will automatically be input in the system once they have swum and the scorekeeper can confirm.
6. Use Swimmingly to easily create championship meet entries (files are compatible with Hy-Tek Meet Manager). Reminder – handwritten entries are NEVER accepted for Championship meets.
 7. Fee is minimal per athlete compared to other sports leagues. For reference, USA swimming's cheapest flex membership fee is \$20, covers only 2 meets and does not include individual meet fees (typically \$7-11 per event).
 8. If you ever require assistance before, during or after a meet Swimmingly is always available and willing to help via phone or email.