

SPMS Vice Chair Report
SPMS Sanctions Chair/Meet Operations Report
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SPMS Vice Chair

Background Summary from previous Open Water Electronic Chip Timing Subcommittee (2019 to 2020) – Robin Smith, John Abrami, Michael Collins, and Nancy Kirkpatrick-Reno:

Three vendors submitted requested information regarding their set-up, experience, real-time results capabilities, and estimated cost per participant: Royal Results, Negative Split Running, and Gemini Timing. All three vendors met the SPMS minimum requirements regarding set-up and real-time results. Total estimated costs from the three vendors in 2019-2020 ranged from \$1000+ to \$2000+ based on set-up, available options, and pricing models.

Per discussions of the Subcommittee and SPMS Committee: SPMS prefers not to purchase or lease electronic timing system equipment including timing chips. Instead, SPMS is willing to offer grant assistance to Event Hosts using one of the three chip timing vendors, if requested.

Gemini Timing is currently providing electronic chip timing for all 2022 SPMS Open Water Events. Their fees have not increased from their previous 2019-2020 estimate: minimum fee of \$2000 up to 250 entries, \$2 per registrant over 250 entries, \$30 per lost timing chip.

At this time, Mission Viejo Masters has requested grant assistance for using electronic chip timing for the 2022 Mission Mile. This open water event will be dual sanctioned with USA Swimming. **This event was selected as the site for the 2023 USMS Open Water National Championships Festival featuring the Sprint-Distance (1-Mile) and Long-Distance (5K) National Championships.** The 2022 Mission Mile Event is serving as the test event for 2023.

Motion to provide a grant in the amount of \$2000.00 to Mission Viejo Masters to assist with the costs of electronic chip timing for the upcoming Mission Mile on September 25, 2022. Host will be responsible for any chip timing costs above \$2000.00 for this event. Mission Viejo Masters has signed the contract with Gemini Timing and the initial invoice payment (\$2000.00) is now due.

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Recent Sanctioned Meets:

Sat July 30th – Rose Bowl LCM (157 participants, results posted)

Fri Aug 12th Aug 14th – SPMS and SW Zone Championships (325 participants, results posted)

Upcoming Sanctioned Meets:

Dates	Meet	Location
Sun Sep 11	Saddleback College Aquatics LCM	Mission Viejo, CA

Check SPMS Upcoming Meet Schedule for updates:

<https://www.spmasterswim.org/meet-schedule/>