



March 12, 2015

To: Virginia Swimming Board of Directors  
Re: Fine for illegal entry at Region Champs

This is meant to clarify our error in entering Jessica Mazzeo in the 100yd butterfly at Region Champs on February 27, 2015 and to appeal the fine that was levied against us at the meet.

Jessica joined TIDE this competition year. Previously she had swum for TCAC. Before Region Champs she had swum only one day of one meet with us, the SEVA Senior Quad Meet on October 25, 2014. She did not swim the 100yd fly at that meet.

We let our members choose their events for swim meets through the Team Unify online meet entry system. Our coaches then approve the selections before they are sent off to the host team. It was made clear that swimmers could not enter events for which they had a Senior Champs cut.

Jessica was entered with "NT" because we did not have a time for her in the 100yd fly from her time on our team. Researching her past times at USA Swimming meets, I see now that her best time in the 100yd fly was a 1:02.37, swum in 2013. The Senior Champs cut is 1:01.69.

Unbeknownst to us, Jessica swam the 100yd fly in the 2014 VISAA State Championships in a time of 1:01.28. We were unaware that she had swum that time or we would not have allowed her to swim the event at Region Champs.

Jessica obviously forgot or did not realize her high school time from last year was a Senior Champs cut. She swam a 1:03.69 in the event at Region Champs on February 27, 2015.

We just wanted to set the record straight. We certainly would not have entered this athlete in the 100yd fly if we had been aware of the time she swam last year during her high school season. It was an honest mistake. We should have researched her high school observed times from last year. We understand if you choose to let the fine stand. We have sent payment to Mary Turner. However, we would like to lodge a formal appeal. We will, of course, respect and comply with your final decision in this matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennie Carder".

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