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Dear Member:

This is an interim bulletin. There have been seven marathons so far this year. There are possibly two more marathons to be held and we must wait for results for possible inclusion in Federation standings. We will have a complete wrap-up for the year as soon as results are known.

The Federation has received a great number of requests for information concerning our rating system this year because of media interest. The WPMSF scores finishers in sanctioned races under a point formula devised for the Federation in 1964 and 1970. Under this formula men and women are considered separately but equally (If a woman finishes a race in fourth position she is considered first among the women in that race and the man who finishes behind her fifth overall but considered fourth in the men's division.). Points are awarded as follows: (1) Finishing points: 1st, 500; 2nd, 350; 3rd, 250; 4th, 150; 5th, 125; 6th, 100; 7th, 95; 8th, 90, and minus five points for each succeeding place to 25th. (2) Distance points: Each finisher receives five points per mile for length of course. (3) Time points: Each winner's time is considered 100 points and times of all other finishers are scored by subtracting one point for each minute he is behind the winner (fractions over 30 seconds considered one minute). (4) Bonus points: A swimmer who establishes a new record for a race receives an additional 100 points (races held for the first time NOT considered in this category). For 24-hour team races finishing points are divided among the two members of each team (i.e., each member of winning team receives 250 points, each second place member 175 points, etc.); instead of distance points time of race is scored at 5 points per hour and total divided among both members of each finishing team; each individual swimmer receives 1 point for every lap swum. DNF: Did Not Finish: In races which were ended at the conclusion of a specified time, swimmers still in competition were credited with the places in which they were in at the end of the race. Championship points for finishing positions were awarded. At the annual WPMSF meeting in Hamilton, Ontario in 1970 it was unanimously voted to select the world champions on the basis of the highest point totals amassed in a specified number of sanctioned races, that number being one more than half of the number of sanctioned races. This last rule was made so that a swimmer unable to attend all the races throughout the world would not be penalized.

A new supply of WPMSF patches has been received and are available for \$3.