



PACIFIC
SWIMMING

Tuesday, February 23rd

Age Group Committee Report

Saturday, February 20th – Called to order: 5:02pm

Members in Attendance: Steve Morsilli (Zone 2), Darwin Takaki (Zone 1 South), Brian Bolster (Coaches Rep), Jon Pallesen (AG Chair)

The Committee discussed our Mission Statement for the JO's Meets, and decided on the following: 'The first taste of a Pacific Swimming Championship-level Meet', i.e. time verification (no more 'Coach Verified Times'), multiple days, Trials & Finals, touchpads, scoreboards, the whole bit. The Committee also decided on the following for our Far Westerns Mission Statement: 'The Premier Age Group Championship Meet in the Nation'...

We discussed the special circumstances surrounding Winter JO's, Spring JO's, Spring Far Westerns, Summer JO's & Summer Far Westerns, and decided on the following:

- Portable Heaters behind each lane at Winter JO's.
- Adjust the lane configurations to accommodate 15-18's (10 lanes for Girls, 8 lanes for Boys)?
- More tents for athletes?
- Noted that the CANV Sectional Meet was the only Sectional Meet to move to December – all others are still held in March...
- Strongly suggest Separate Time Standards (for Winter/Spring Meets vs. Summer Meets, due to pool constrictions – SC Meets can run 16 lanes, LC Meets only 8 lanes). The Committee would suggest a 'Summer JO's Time Standard' that could be achieved in SCY or LCM, but would be faster than our current JO's Time Standard (which would remain as our 'Winter/Spring JO's Time Standard'). The Age Group Committee wants to see our Long Course Meets be as manageable as our Short Course Meets...
- The Committee agreed that Time Standards should be based on the entry times of a specific number of people entering the Meet, rather than their times achieved once they've already made the Meet.

Summer All-Star Meet Coach & Manager Applications will go out soon. Currently, one Zone out of five gives their All-Star staff stipends for their efforts at PC All-Star Meets.

Consequently, that is the one Zone that dominates these positions when applications come in. The Age Group Committee suggests that Pacific Swimming 'standardizes' the stipends that PC All-Star Coaches & Managers receive, and proposes the following:

- Zone Developmental (1 day) - \$50
- Pacific Coast (2 days) - \$100
- Western Zones (5 days) - \$200
- North American Challenge Cup (3 days) - \$300

Discussion Request from the General Chair, regarding NACC & WZ Meets:

The Age Group Committee is passionate about supporting both the North American Challenge Cup and the Western Zones Summer All-Star Meets.

Members of the Committee understand that we may have some years that are more expensive than others, but they also believe that by committing to these Meets that we plan to 'take the good with the bad.'

The Committee believes that the confusion around WEST bidding for the 2010 Western Zones Meet at the 2008 USA Swimming Convention was due to a misunderstanding of the rules regarding these bids, and not an indication that we were teetering on our desire to remain a part of Western Zones.

Some members of the Committee think that Pacific could take this team to different Age Group Championship Meets in other areas of the country when the projected costs are much higher than normal (Ex: Hawaii), but others feel that we should support this Meet and every location that is decided upon. The Committee recognizes that a decision of this magnitude would be better served at the Board-level.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:22pm

Submitted,

Jon Pallesen

PC Age Group