

Data study on PC non-championship meets

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Purpose - Review the past 3 calendar years of data from specified meets to see trends, successes, and shortcomings, broken down by zone and across the entire LSC, with the goal of learning how and where to reinvent competitions for a majority of our membership.

Methodology - Tabulate and collect number of splashes, number of days, and membership totals for specific meets; track totals and compile averages.

Meets included: CBA meets, zone championship meets, club-sponsored invitationals or intrasquads, Block Party meets, and Superleague meets. Meets must be sponsored by a zone or club.

Meets not-included: PC Championship meets, PC senior meets, USAS Championship meets (ex: sectionals and above), Zone all-stars, other meets with fast time standards (ex: George Haines), approved meets (ex: Cal invite), once/year league meets.

Membership demographics

Sanctioned meets and specifically those included above, are our most common form of competition catering to our largest membership demographic. Out of 15,339 athletes:

- a. 2016 athletes (13.14%) have achieved at least 1 BB time
- b. 2067 athletes (13.47%) have achieved at least 1 B time
- c. 4246 athletes (27.68%) have not achieved at least 1 B time
- d. 8339 athletes (54.30%) are at the BB level or below. *For reference, BB times at most would qualify some 11yo boys and girls athletes for AG Champs; most AG Champs standards are A times or faster for each age group and gender.*

Conclusions & Recommendations:

1. Block Party meets are more insignificant than significant to affecting our sanctioned splashes. **2026 sanctioned splashes increased 0.79% from 2025, and were within 0.13% of 2024 totals, prior to BP becoming so popular. BP Splashes increased 42.2% from 2025 to 2026. BP splashes are projected to increase 35.5% from 2025 to 2026, however sanctioned splashes are only projected to decrease 1.27% from 2025 to 2026.**
2. Meets where 1) teams are assigned to a location, or 2) there are priority entries given to certain teams, anticipated attendance must be accounted for and planned for. This means meet organizers should collect anticipated attendance from teams attending or assigned to the location and the meet should be formatted properly to accommodate the anticipated amount of swimmers.
 - a. Sanctioned splashes for 2025-26 **surpassed 2024-25 numbers by 1912 splashes, but fell short of 2023-24 numbers by 284 splashes** ~~are projected to fall short of 2024-25 sanctioned splashes by approximately 2631 splashes. A minimum of 61%-1612 splashes of these~~ could have been made up in just 1 weekend of CBA meets where an estimated 375-450 swimmers were shut out due to two (2) meets being overcrowded and closing early. *(375 athletes * 4.3 events/athlete = 1612 splashes)*
 - b. Getting all athletes into sanctioned meets, especially those who are planning to swim in them, is more likely to increase sanctioned splashes at a more significant rate than managing or modifying the Block Party platform and program is going to take away from sanctioned splashes.
 - c. Anticipated attendance does not indicate an entire team. Coaches should be able to approximately estimate the number of athletes expected to attend based on which groups they intend to assign to said meet.