# SECTION VII

# LSC AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS

## Far Western Championships

### 1. Eligibility

#### a. Far Westerns Championship Meets shall reach a proportionate number of the top age group athletes in Pacific Swimming and the surrounding LSC’s in the following age groups: 10 and Under, 11-12, 13-14, 15-18.

#### b. Athletes 19 and Overmay compete in preliminaries and shall not be eligible for awards and scoring.

#### c. Athletes are limited to compete in a maximum of 7 individual events.

#### d. Individuals or relays representing all-star teams shall not score team or relay points. Team points for places achieved by all-star team individuals or relays shall be discarded and not awarded.

### 2. Time Standards shall be published annually in September based upon the number of age group athletes achieving times in previous meets. Time standards shall enable enough entries to support the host club and shall be analyzed by the Age Group Committee.

### 3. Meet Conduct

#### a. Meets shall be no more than 4 competition days held at a single venue.

#### b. Event order shall be determined by the Age Group Committee with input from the host club.

#### c. The number of heats of distance events may be capped in advance due to timeline considerations. The number of heats offered shall be determined by the Age Group Committee with input from host club and the Meet Referee. This statement shall be included in the Meet Announcement.

#### d. Entries to the meet may be closed prior to entry deadline due to timeline considerations. The decision to close entry to the meet shall be determined by Age Group committee with input from the host club and the Meet Referee. This statement shall be included in the Meet Announcement.

#### e. Whenever a single age group has more than one relay event scheduled during finals on the same day, the shorter distance relay for that age group shall be scheduled at the beginning of finals.

#### f. Short Course Far Westerns shall be held on the first weekend in April or one week earlier in the event Easter falls on that Sunday. A complete sanction and meet announcement shall be made available by December 1. Preliminaries shall start at 9:00 a.m. and finish no later than 1:30 p.m. (including distance timed finals). Championship Finals shall start at 4:00 p.m.

#### g. Long Course Far Westerns shall be held on the last weekend in July. A complete sanction and meet announcement shall be available by April 1. Preliminaries shall start at 9:00 a.m. and finish no later than 2:30 p.m. (including distance timed finals). Championship Finals shall start at 5:00 p.m.

### 4. The meet shall be reviewed via coach and club survey conducted by Pacific Swimming immediately following the meet.

## B. Junior Olympic Meets

### 1. Eligibility

#### a. Junior Olympic Meets should reach a proportionate number of the top age group swimmers in Pacific Swimming in the following age groups: 9 and Under, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.

#### b. Athletes are limited to compete in a maximum of 7 individual events.

### 2. Time Standards shall be published annually in September based upon the number of age group athletes achieving times in previous meets. Time standards shall enable enough entries to support the host club and shall be analyzed by the Age Group Committee.

### 3. Meet Conduct

#### a. Meets shall be no more than 3 competition days held at two venues.

#### b. The December meet shall be held 2 Saturdays after Thanksgiving. The March and July meets shall be held 3 Saturdays prior to Far Westerns.

#### c. Event order shall be determined by the Age Group Committee with input from the host club.

#### d. The number of heats of distance events may be capped in advance due to timeline considerations. The number of heats offered shall be determined by the Age Group Committee with input from host club and the Meet Referee. This statement shall be included in the Meet Announcement.

#### e. Entries to the meet may be closed prior to entry deadline due to timeline considerations. The decision to close entry to the meet shall be determined by Age Group committee with input from the host club and the Meet Referee. This statement shall be included in the Meet Announcement.

#### f. Preliminaries shall start at 9:00 a.m. and finish no later than 1:30 p.m. Championship Finals shall start at 4:00 p.m.

### 4. The meet shall be reviewed via coach and club survey conducted by Pacific Swimming immediately following the meet.