

Motion 2409AG02 – Restructuring LSC Championship Meets

The Age Group Committee in conjunction with the Senior Committee move to restructure the Age Group and Senior Far Western Championships, removing 15 & Overs from Spring Far Western Championships, separating Summer Far Western Championships into 2 meets (Age Group and Senior), and eliminating Spring and Summer Age Group Championships **effective September 1, 2025**.

Purpose: Our championship meet structure is no longer serving the development of the majority of our athletes and clubs. These changes are being made to increase the quality of competition and expand opportunities for championship experience across both age group and senior athletes.

RULES & REGULATIONS

SECTION 1

ZONES

I. Scheduling

1. Zones shall facilitate the scheduling and awarding of meets within their geographical boundaries except:
 - a. On days that are reserved by the LSC for the purpose of holding essential functions.
 - b. Zone meets scheduled on the same weekend as ~~LSC Far Western and JO Age Group Championships~~ meets must shall have a lower time standards i.e. ~~FW(-) and JO-AGC(-)~~ time.
 - c. **Zone meets shall not be scheduled on the same weekend as Age Group Far Westerns and Senior Far Western Championship meets.**

SECTION 4

SWIM MEET PREPARATION

B. Entry Fees

- a. Entry fees shall be charged for each meet category. The meet host is not required to accept entries that do not include applicable fees. Participation fees cannot be charged unless entry fees are charged. Pacific Swimming may charge a credit card processing fee for online meet entries (OME).

Meet Category	Individual Entry Fees			Relay Entry Fees		
	Total Fee	To Host	Due PC	Total Fee	To Host	Due PC
JO Age Group Championships	\$8.00	\$5.60	\$2.40	\$20.00	\$14.00	\$6.00
Age Group Far Western FW Championships	\$12.00	\$8.40	\$3.60	\$20.00	\$14.00	\$6.00
Age Group Far Western FW (late entry fee) Late Entry Fee	\$20.00	\$14.00	\$6.00	\$40.00	\$28.00	\$12.00
Senior Far Western Championships	\$12.00	\$8.40	\$3.60	\$20.00	\$14.00	\$6.00
Senior Far Western Late Entry Fee	\$20.00	\$14.00	\$6.00	\$40.00	\$28.00	\$12.00

**SECTION 6
AGE GROUP COMPETITION**

A. Meet Formats & Qualifying

1. **Age Group** Far Western Championships
 - a. Meets to be Preliminaries and Finals and may not include Time Trials.
 - ~~b. Meets may combine the 15-16 and 17-18 age groups.~~
 - c. Meets shall be awarded to the host team by the LSC.
 - d. **Long Course Age Group Far Westerns Championships shall be held on the same weekend as the Long Course Senior Far Western Championships.**
2. ~~Junior Olympic~~ **Age Group** Championships
 - a. Meets to be Preliminaries and Finals and may not include Time Trials.
 - b. Meets events to be swum in single-age categories and have single-age time standards.
 - c. Meets may include mixed gender relays.
 - d. Meets shall be awarded to the host team by the Meet Award Committee.
6. Only times in the USA Swimming SWIMS database shall be acceptable to qualify for ~~Junior Olympics~~ **Age Group Championships** and Far Westerns level competition and LSC Championship meets. In all other Age Group competition, coach-verified entry times may also be accepted.

B. Eligibility

1. Individual Eligibility
 - e. Athletes registered in other LSCs may swim in Pacific meets for which they qualify with the exception of ~~Junior Olympics~~ **Age Group** and 10 & Under Championships.

**SECTION 7
SENIOR COMPETITION**

A. Meet Formats & Qualifying

5. **Senior Far Western Championships**
 - a. Meets to be Preliminaries and Finals and may not include Time Trials.
 - b. The minimum age shall be thirteen (13) years old.
 - c. Meets shall be awarded to the host team by the LSC.
 - d. **Long Course Senior Far Western Championships shall be held on the same weekend as the Long Course Age Group Far Western Championships.**

B. Eligibility

1. Senior Meets
 - a. In **Senior Far Western Championships**, Senior Circuit and Senior 2 Preliminaries and Finals meets, athletes are eligible to enter all events in which they have equaled or bettered the listed time standards and shall not compete in more than three (3) individual events per day.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

**SECTION VII
~~AGE GROUP~~ LSC AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS**

- A. **Age Group** Far Western Championships
2. Eligibility

- a. **Age Group** Far Western 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 Over may compete in preliminaries and shall not be eligible for awards and scoring.~~
 - c. Athletes shall compete in a maximum of ~~7~~ **3** individual events **per day**.
 - 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.
3. Time standards shall be established as set forth in Section IX.
4. 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 the 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 the 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 **Age Group** Far Western Championships shall be held **between March-April** ~~on the first full weekend in April, unless there is a conflict with Easter 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 no sooner than 1 hour after the finish of the preliminary session including distance timed finals.~~
 - g. Long Course **Age Group** Far Western Championships should ~~normally~~ be conducted **in the summer as the conclusion to the long course season** ~~in the last week in July~~. A complete sanction and meet announcement shall be available by April 1. Preliminaries shall start ~~at~~ **no earlier than 8:30** ~~9:00~~ a.m. and finish no later than 2:30 p.m. (including distance timed finals). Championship Finals shall start no sooner than 1 hour after the finish of the preliminary session including distance timed finals.
 - h. The meet shall be reviewed via a coach and club survey conducted by Pacific Swimming immediately following the meet.

B. Senior Far Westerns

1. Eligibility

- a. **Senior Far Western 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: 13-14, 15-16, 17-18.**
- b. **Athletes 19 and Over may compete in preliminaries and shall not be eligible for awards and scoring.**
- c. **Athletes shall compete in a maximum of 3 individual events per day.**

- 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 established as set forth in Section IX.
- 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 Senior 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 Senior Committee with input from the 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 the Senior 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. Senior Long Course Far Western Championships should normally be conducted in summer as conclusion to long course season. in the last week in July. A complete sanction and meet announcement shall be available by April 1. Preliminaries shall start at no earlier than 8:30 9:00 a.m. and finish no later than 2:30 p.m. (including distance timed finals). Championship Finals shall start no sooner than 1 hour after the finish of the preliminary session including distance timed finals.
 - g. The meet shall be reviewed via a coach and club survey conducted by Pacific Swimming immediately following the meet.

B C. Adam Szmidt Memorial Age Group Championships

- 1. Eligibility
 - a. Age Group Championship meets should reach a proportionate number of the top age group swimmers in Pacific Swimming in the following age groups: 10 and Under, 11, 12, 13, 14.
 - b. Athletes shall compete in a maximum of 7 individual events.
- 2. Time standards shall be established as set forth in Section IX.
- 3. Meet Conduct
 - a. Meets shall be no more than 3 competition days **and may be** held at two venues.
 - b. ~~The Winter Age Group Championships meet shall be held 2 Saturdays after Thanksgiving and before the end of the calendar year. The Spring meet shall be held 3 Saturdays prior to Spring Far Western Championships. The Summer meet shall be held 3 Saturdays prior to Summer Far Western Championships, unless there is a conflict with the 4th of July.~~

SECTION VIII SCHEDULING

- 4. Meet Award Procedures
 - a. The Chair shall annually announce the time, place, and method for submitting bids for meets to be awarded by the Pacific Swimming Scheduling Committee.
 - b. Clubs shall submit their application for the award of meets in accordance with the above. Applications for meets not received in accordance with 1.0 above shall not be considered until all bids received in compliance have been considered.

- c. Clubs applying for more than one meet shall designate their 1st, 2nd, etc. choice on the application.
 - d. Meets designated to be conducted within the Pacific Swimming territory by USA Swimming or the Western Zone shall be awarded the meet without the necessity for the club to submit an application to the Committee.
 - e. The Committee shall award the ~~two~~ Far Western Championship meets first, then the ~~three~~ Age Group Championship meets, followed by all the remaining meets.
 - f. Far Western Championship meets ~~may be~~ **are** awarded to meet hosts **annually or** for a 2 year cycle upon meet bids approved by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee. Host responsibilities for the ~~Winter Adam Szmidt Memorial Age Group Championship, the Spring Age Group Championship, the Summer Adam Szmidt Memorial Age Group Championship, the Far Western Short Course Championship, and the Far Western Long Course Championship~~ meets shall not be awarded to the same club for more than two successive years except when there is no qualifying bidder for the succeeding year.
6. On protected dates (Official's Clinic, Fall House of Delegates meeting, **Athlete Leadership Summit**, and Far Western Championships), meets held by a USA Swimming member **club** where participants are registered athletes shall not be approved. ~~or sanctioned with the following exception: On the weekend of a Far Western Championship Meet, Zone level, single venue, non-championship meets, intended for athletes who do not have qualifying times for Far Western Championships, may be sanctioned and held.~~