

Technical Planning Committee

1. 2012-2013 Schedule with bids has been accepted by the committee. We will continue to accept bids. Open items for the schedule are as follows:
 - We have multiple bids by potential host teams for SC & LC Age Group Champs and SC & LC Senior Champs.
 - AG & Senior Chairs have asked for TP Chair to solicit financial bids to accompany the meet bids to help determine the best opportunity for Virginia Swimmers with all available information.
2. Age Group Committee has worked time standards for LC Age Group Champs.
 - SCM qualifying times need to be added and SCY qualifying times must be verified before the times can be posted.
 - AG Committee & Senior Committee has proposed the 400 IM be added to the available events for SC and LC Age Group Champs. TP Committee concurs and supports the proposal.
3. Meet announcement templates for Summer Awards and LC Age Group Champs will be released by May 15th.
4. The following is a breakdown of swimmers and splashes at each district and region championship meet:
 - District Champs (2010 numbers in parenthesis):
 - North District: 529 (587) Swimmers; 2359 (2759) Splashes; 77 (114) Relays
 - Central District: 750 (848) Swimmers; 3630 (4009) Splashes; 140 (158) Relays
 - Southeast District: 393 (370) Swimmers; 2237 (1769) Splashes; 76 (59) Relays
 - Southwest District: 361 (337) Swimmers; 1803 (1713) Splashes; 58 (54) Relays
 - Region Champs (2010 numbers in parenthesis):
 - Tidewater Region: 698 (613) Swimmers; 4097 (3473) Splashes; 277 (277) Relays
 - Blue Ridge Region: 540 (641) Swimmers; 3185 (3548) Splashes; 171 (204) Relays
 - Northern Virginia Region: 707 (745) Swimmers; 3857 (4065) Splashes; 231 (203) Relays
 - As reported previously, we should continue to monitor the numbers for each of these championship meets.
 - Total participation at district champs was down another 5% from the previous two years was down 6% and 11%, respectively
 - Total participation at region champs was down about 3%. Previous two years were down by 5% and up by 11%, respectively.

- As we make the qualifying times for age group champs and senior champs higher it increases the athlete pool for region champs.
 - A proposal has been sent to the AG Committee for consideration of a new format for district and region champs.
 - Both the AG Committee & Senior Committee have endorsed a new format for our championship progression for the SC season. They are in favor of district level champs for 12&U swimmers and region level champs for 13&O swimmers.
 - TP Committee endorses this approach as being necessary and proactive. Currently region champs run without breaks from 13&O prelims to 12&U sessions to 13&O finals.
- 7. The committee reexamined the bid process for Virginia Swimming meets. Best practices were reviewed of other LSCs. Committee recommends requiring draft meet announcements are included with bid requests.
 - This will greatly accelerate the meet announcement's availability and potential for early release.
 - Age Group Committee, Senior Committee, and Coaches Committee all endorse this approach with the following recommendations also adopted by the TP Committee:
 - Release meet announcements without a sanction number once the initial coordination process is complete. Sanction number should be assigned by the 45 day point. At this time no further format or entry provision changes can be entertained.
 - Sanction fee for meets will remain \$20 unless the sanction is not requested or the meet is not ready for sanctioning by the 45 day point. If the meet is sanctioned after the 45 day point the sanction fee will be \$200.
- 8. 2012 Summer Awards team assignments will be announced by May 15th.
- 9. AG & Senior Committee has approved the meet event limit for District Champs in its current format will be 8 events per swimmer for the meet; with a limit of no more than 4 events per day.

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