

June 2014 Technical Planning Committee Report

The only meet info left to post on the 2014 calendar is SEVA's Summer Awards meet, which I have not yet received. I believe all other meets through the summer are posted.

The 2014-2015 meet calendar is posted on the VSI website and is being updated as more bids come in. I am uncertain when Michael creates the next season's site for meet info to begin to be posted. ?

Two items of note regarding approval of meets since we met in April.

- **First – Approval of Y Dual Meets.** Ed Miller of the Y of the USA, said that our Y dual meets can be approved. Here is his email response to TJ's query about these meets – note that Ed copies Suzanne Heath and Joel Black in his answer:

From: *edward [mailto:caefmilleriii@msn.com]*

Sent: *Tuesday, April 15, 2014 9:24 AM*

To: *TJ Liston*

Cc: *Joel Black; Suzanne Heath*

Subject: *Re: Question*

TJ, the original proscription on dual meets was agreed upon for several reasons:

There was a concern that putting all the dual meets into SWIMS might overburden the system.

There was some concern that the discipline for timing adjustment was not always as crisp in dual meets where the real concern was often who finished where, not the times themselves. This was particularly true when buttons or watches were the primary timing system.

There was a real concern as to the workload that might be placed on the local LSC Times person.

Since that time, several things have happened to alter the thinking. First, the database was not overwhelmed, and in fact was expanded to accept NCAA times. Second, with the requirement for a certified Administrative Official at all meets, including dual meets, the discipline with respect to timing matters has been strengthened. Thus, you can have your dual meets approved and entered into SWIMS, as long as the LSC can handle them. But keep in mind that to get a meet approved, you have to meet all the requirements of Rule 202.4.

So really, its up to your LSC at this point.

Hope that helps.

By the way, we really need another YMCA trainer in central and western Virginia, as Shelley Remaly moved to Colorado and I understand that Kevin Hogan may have also moved out of the area. Any potential candidates about whom you may be aware?

Ed

- **Two, QDD's proposed developmental meets.** QDD followed up with USA Swimming about having their proposed one day, developmental type meets approved. Suzanne Heath said yes, they should be approved. Here is her response to Rick Benner's inquiry:

*Hi Rick. This meet is OK to be run as approved. Best way to handle the members is to have ID # only for the members and export the file for only those with ids to load into the db.
Thanks!
Suzanne*

Sent from my U.S. Cellular® Smartphone

----- Original message -----

*From: Jim Sheehan <sheehanjj@optonline.net>
Date: 05/22/2014 2:32 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: quantico_swimming@comcast.net
Cc: techplanningchair@virginiaswimming.org, Suzanne Heath <suzanneheath@suddenlink.net>
Subject: RE: Meet Approval Request*

Rick,

I have forwarded your request to Suzanne Heath who handles all the approval requests for Program Operations. She will be in contact with you shortly to help you with your request. Please let me know if I can provide anything else.

Jim

On Thu, May 22, 2014 at 02:00 PM, quantico_swimming@comcast.net wrote:

Mr. Sheehan,

*Attached please find a request for approval of a series of developmental meets. Your help and consideration are greatly appreciated.
Rick Benner, Head Coach
Quantico Swimming- QDD Swim Team*

As a reminder, here are the dates of those meets. Again, they are one day, Saturday morning only meets:

- Saturday October 4th 2014
- Saturday November 1st 2014
- Saturday December 6th 2014
- Saturday February 7th 2015
- Saturday March 7th 2015
- Saturday April 4th 2015

I am not placing these meets on our calendar. No one on the tech planning committee felt they should be.

The only other item I would like for you all to be thinking about is an issue that has been brought to me by a couple of different officials. It sounds like this is being discussed among officials so if there is to be a recommendation for VSI to change its policy, I think it will likely come out of that committee.

- **Should VSI require host teams to have a minimum number of officials to be allowed to run a meet?** One official who approached me said they didn't mind helping a team out running meets, but it didn't seem right to them that the host team itself did not have at least some minimum number of officials themselves. Another official complained that the Meet Host of one of our district meets did not have sufficient volunteers in a number of capacities and it placed an inordinate burden on this official to make the meet run smoothly. I have been told that Potomac Valley makes this requirement but I have not followed up on that or checked any other LSCs.

Again, it sounds to me like this is being discussed by officials and the issue is more complex than it appears on the surface. The steps being taken to try to encourage more people to become officials and retain the ones we have may suffice to render this a non-issue so ... Just wanted the board as a whole aware of the discussion. Folks on the technical planning committee had varying opinions on this topic. I did let the host club of the district meet in question know that they might want to secure more volunteers and more officials for their team to ensure they continue to receive that meet bid.

Submitted by,

Lisa Liston, Tech Planning Chair