

**METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.**  
**TECHNICAL PLANNING MEETING**  
**JULY 22, 2003**

**PRESENT:** David Ellinghaus & Monique Grayson (Low attendance due to thunderstorms in the Metropolitan Area).

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm at the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester, in Mt. Kisco, New York.

**RECOMMENDATION #1:**

Keep Senior Mets Long Course as Timed Finals.

- **Question:** hold the meet in the morning or in late afternoon as in 2003?
- **Scratch Rule:** in 2003, the rule was that if a swimmer missed an event, he/she was out of that day's events, not out of the meet. This resulted in a lot of empty lanes.

**Recommendation:**

- If a swimmer misses a race, the referee has the discretion to put that swimmer back in his/her other events of that day.
- A swimmer who does not show up must be positively checked in for the rest of the weekend by the end of the session, or swimmer is out of the meet.

**RECOMMENDATION #2:**

Re-alignment of the three Metro zones for Age Group Championships: North, Central, and South. There are about 6,000 swimmers in Metropolitan. We will try to have no more than 2000 swimmers in each zone.

- **North:** Aqua Gems, Big Blue, BGC-N, Westchester Marlins, Club Fit, Condors, Gael, Middletown Rec., Marist, Minisink Valley, Monroe-Woodbury, Newburgh, Northern Dutchess, New Rochelle, Pine Bush, Pacesetter, St. Columba Dolphins, Saw Mill Ace, Silver Streaks, Suffern Sea Lions, Team Rockland, Viking, Washingtonville Seahawks, White Plains Middies. **(about 1945 swimmers)**
- **Central:** Asphalt Green, Apex, **Badger Swim Club**, Big Apple Marlins, Blue Arrow, Brooklyn Seahawks, Cross Island, Douglaston, Dolphin Swim Club, Flushing Y, Harbor Seals, Jewish Community Center, **Long Beach, LI Express**, Manhattan Kraken, La Guardia, New York AC, New York City Aquatic Club, New York Parks & Rec., **Nu-Finmen**, Riverbank, Shorefront Y, Twelve Towns, Wagner Aquatics, 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y. **(about 1975 swimmers)**
- **South:** Connetquot, East End, East Hampton Y, Farmingdale, Hauppauge, Half Hollow Hills, Huntington, Islip Aquatics, LI Aquatic C., Lindenhurst, North Shore, Old Westbury, Sachem, Team Suffolk, Three Village, West Islip. **(about 1975 swimmers)**

**PROPOSAL #1:**

Technical Planning proposes to keep the **Age Group Meet** as is: 1/100 sec. slower than Zone Qual. standards. Swimmers with 5 or more Zone Qual. cuts would not be eligible to participate in Age Group Championships.

## **PROPOSAL #2:**

In order to standardize the format, Technical Planning proposes:

- To limit **JO's** to three (3) events per day per swimmer. Time trials will be allowed (no more than two [2] per swimmer for the weekend).
- That swimmers be allowed to swim up to five (5) events per day at **Silver Championships** (this is a qualifying meet for JO's).
- That swimmers be limited to four (4) events per day at the **Age Group Invitational**.
- That swimmers be limited to three (3) events per day for **Zone Qualifying Meet** (trials/finals meet) but that 10-under swimmers would be allowed to swim up to five (5) events per day.

## **2004 AGE GROUP TIME STANDARDS:**

Time standards for 2004 have been adjusted (Zone Qual., JO's, Silvers, and Age Group).

Submitted by Monique Grayson  
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