

Technical Planning Meeting: May 6, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 6:15pm at the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester.

Attendees: David Ellinghaus, Bob Vializ, Ian Noach, Eric Hertenstein, Tina Grigsby, Denise Byrne, & Monique Grayson

Proposed 2010 SC Calendar:

***Please note: There may need to be adjustments depending on the outcome of the Eastern Zone Meeting on Saturday, May 9. Any changes will be posted by the end of the day on Monday, May 11.*

February 18-21:	Senior Metropolitan Championships
February 26-28:	Metro Zone Team Qualifier
March 5-7:	Silver Championships
March 13-14:	8&U Championships
March 19-21:	Junior Olympics
March 26-28:	Age Group Championships

***Please note that Easter is April 4, 2010. Therefore we anticipate the Eastern Zone Meet will be held March 25-27. If the Eastern Zone Meet is held April 8-10 (highly unlikely based on past precedent) then Junior Olympics and Age Group Invitational will switch weekends.*

Proposals:

1. To keep the 15-18 age group as timed finals at Junior Olympics. However, it is recommended that the 15-18s swim their timed finals during the morning prelims session.
2. To keep the 13-14 and 15-18 distance events in Junior Olympics. The proposal is to limit the events to 2 heats each. (Swimmers entered in the distance events can enter a 4th event that day in case they are scratched out of the distance event.) In addition, the proposal is to swim the distance events consistent with how USA Swimming ranks teams in its Virtual Club Championship. Therefore the 13-14 girls and 15-18 girls would swim the 1,000 free and the 13-14 boys and 15-18 boys would swim the 1,650 free.
3. To switch the eligibility period for Senior Mets to the first day of the previous year's meet (rather than the day after the meet concludes). This would be consistent with how USA Swimming establishes the eligibility period for senior level meets.
4. To require Metropolitan officials to serve as the timers at the Senior Metropolitan Championships (both SC & LC). This is a national certification meet and this would be consistent with USA Swimming's policies at its national championship meets.
5. To realign the teams for Silver Championships as follows: FAST, GAEL, & Silver Streaks to Central. All other teams would remain in the same areas.
6. To realign the teams for the Age Group Invitational as follows: Central Queens, Huntington, & LaGuardia to South. FAST, GAEL, & YMID to Central. All other teams would remain in the same areas.

Recommendation for Senior Committee to Consider:

1. To eliminate bonus events at the Senior Metropolitan Championships. During the 2009 SC meet most events had well over 60 swimmers swim the actual meet cut during the meet. In some events the number was much higher. To help control the size of the prelim sessions it is recommended that bonus events be eliminated. Otherwise both the actual meet standards and the bonus standards will have to be reviewed.

Updated Standards for Metropolitan Championship Meets:

1. The LC standards have been updated and are now available.
2. The SC standards have been reviewed and there are no changes at this time. If the Senior Committee (and ultimately the General Body) does not agree to drop the Bonus Events from the Senior Metropolitan Championships, then the cuts for that meet will need to be reviewed.

The meeting ended at 8:20pm.