Meet Report

10 and Under State Championship Meet Eden Prairie Community Center March 15/16, 2025

This event was a two day timed finals state championship meet for 10 and under swimmers with verifiable "CH" qualifying times, or an individual event championship from the 2024 Winter Minnesota Regional Championships. There were 485 swimmers at the meet representing 42 Minnesota LSC Swim Teams.

Facility:

The meet was held at the Eden Prairie Community Center, 16700 Valley View Road, Eden Prairie, MN. The facility has a 25 yard 8-lane competition pool with starting blocks and fully automatic timing equipment, an additional 25 yard 8-lane cooldown pool with starting blocks adjacent to the competition pool, and a cooldown pool in a separate room on the same level as the other pools. There is spectator seating along one complete side of the competition pool, and adequate deck seating for swim teams around the competition pool and the adjacent cooldown pools. The awards staging area and officials room were located just off deck on the start end of the competition pool so this made it quite convenient to stage swimmers for awards and present them to the spectators during walk up to the awards platform.

Meet Host and Volunteers:

The Foxjets Swim Team was the host for this event. Micah Roberts was the meet director and he and his staff did an outstanding job organizing the venue, volunteers, and awards ceremonies. Also, a big thanks to Anne Stout, our Lead Chief Judge and FOXJ official's coordinator for her behind the scenes work helping me organize meet protocol documents and officials.

Conduct of the Meet:

The meet was run as a two day timed finals championship. There was one session on Saturday starting at 1:00pm and ending at 6:00pm and one session on Sunday starting at 1:00pm and ending at 5:30pm. Both sessions ran per the published timelines with time trials added at the end of each session.

The deck was well staffed with officials. We had 18 volunteer officials at each session which helped us cover the 100 and 200 yd relays and all individual stroke events.

There were no equipment issues to report.

Security during warmup sessions and during the meet was adequate. Security only allowed swimmers, working coaches, officials, authorized meet volunteers, and facility personnel on deck. This was a result of parents walking on deck last year.

9-10 relays were moved to the end of each daily session. This was proposed and agreed upon to try and improve spectator seating issues incurred last year. Last year there was a rush of spectators at the beginning of each session to watch many swimmers that were relay only swimmers. By moving the 9-10 relays to the end of the session many spectators that would have come at the beginning of the session arrived only at the end of the session which made seating more manageable. Also, the meet was streamed to the adjacent gymnasium for another spectator viewing area.

There were no invigilating issues for either daily session.

One disqualification was rescinded after discovering the wrong heat was reported on the DQ slip.

Suggestions for Improvement:

Spectator Seating – This is always going to be a struggle if the meet size remains the same. Separating the relays and adding streaming to the gymnasium is a big help. One other thing that resulted from this issue was that some spectators showed up at the venue 1-2 hours before the doors opened, causing some problems with people waiting outside.

Timers – We struggled on Saturday with timers not wanting to get out of their chairs to observe finishes and get accurate button and watch times. We had many timing discrepancies because of it. It was corrected as the session went on, but it did somewhat continue throughout the session. On Sunday, we talked at length to the timers before the session started and they were much better.

Incident Reports:

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	– Medium injury severity, contusion to the back of head, treated at the
pool by Eden Prairie	Fire EMS, parents took swimmer to the hospital and treated there.

– Minor injury severity, swimmer cut his pinky toe earlier in the week, the cut reopened, and a bandage was applied to stop minor bleeding.