

MN Swimming: National Meet Report

To: MN Officials Chair

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From: T.R. Wheeler

The 2023 LCM Futures championship was held in West Fargo, ND at the Hulbert Aquatic Center from July 26-29, 2023.

This was a 4 day meet consisting of prelim and final sessions, with time trials and distance events between the morning and evening sessions. The meet was the leftover of all the other filled up futures sites, so there were a lot of out of region teams/swimmers. I believe there were over 29 different states represented with around 700 swimmers.

After attending the last 2 years at Summer Jr. Nationals in California, I choose to attend this meet instead. There was a big difference in the level of CJ's at this meet compared to Jr.'s. The assigned Meet Ref/Starter teams were vey well familiar with each other and at times separated from the other officials. However, we were invited to sign up for time trials to gain more experience and show off our abilities to the senior team. I requested, and received, the chance to CJ and Start for 2 different time trial sessions and received positive feedback from the mentor assigned.

The meet was fun to participate at and enjoyed seeing a few officials that I have worked with in the past and look forward to continue to grow friendships across the country. I will continue my pursuit of my N3 final evaluation but starting to see the challenges of only being able to participate in a few national level meets a year, it will be difficult to be assigned to get eh final evaluation done.

On a side note, I want to thank the MN Officials as I will moving to the Seattle area in the near future. I do plan on continuing my passion for being an official but will always the training and great friendships I have found in Minnesota.

Sincerely

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