

ISI HOD
Spring Meeting 2017
AGVC report

ISI Communication and Application Process for Age Group Team Iowa events

We continued to use Facebook as our primary social media form of communication leading up to and during Team Iowa meets with our families. We have a 99% rate of families joining the Team Iowa closed Facebook groups.

We formalized the Team Iowa coaching agreements with details of the job description.

We added the use of online registration via JotForm for our All Star applications. Which allowed us to collect information online and provide an email confirmation to our families.

JotForm insights and recommendations for future use:

We did have a learning curve to the application template.

1) For the team club name for the applicants, a drop down selection list would be preferred. For example, when the roster was placed in an excel spreadsheet a team could be listed many different ways such as: Riptide, DC Riptide or Dowling Catholic Riptide. Another example DASH, D.A.S.H and Dubuque Area Swimming Hurricanes.

2) Families were not able to edit their application once it was submitted; however the admin could make the changes and send an update from JotForm PDF application to the family. (We need to include this information in the application process notes to families.)

3) The system allowed for duplicate applications. We had 3. One family did it twice forgetting they had completed an application when it first became available. Another sent it twice because they had an error receipt upon the first submission (both applications were received). And the third family had event selection updates and resubmitted versus requesting an edit to their original one. We don't believe the system can be set up to stop duplicate applications.

4) One application was received a day after the deadline. Each application was time stamped through JotForm. The athlete who applied after the deadline was notified their application was not accepted. We also had 2 other requests to apply after the deadline via email. They were informed the deadline was being adhered to. We learned how to "disable" the link and still have access to the information. In order to make edits for families, the link had to be reactivated to do so

Finalizing our Age Group Committee... athlete is working on Zones team design.

Team Iowa All Stars Stats:

80 swimmers from 18 Iowa teams were chosen to represent Team Iowa

(80 was the athlete limit for the meet set by the host team due to the limited crash area space available)

The 18 teams from the LSC included: ACAC, BLAST, Blaze, CAST, CIA, DASH, DEC, DMSF, DMET, EISF, ICE, IFly, LMST, PSC, RIP, SEA, USSD, WAUK.

Due to the maximum number of allowed athletes, the top 4 from the ISI rankings in each event were used to create the 80-person team. With these 80 swimmers, we added 3 new athletes in the fifth spot of events to reach our allowed amount. Team Iowa had unfilled spots in the following events: 10u girls 100

fly (1) and 13&14 boys: 200 breast (2), 100 fly (1), 200 back (3), 200 IM (2), 100 back (1), 500 free (2), 400 IM (2) and 200 fly (5). Many of these openings were due to the fact the applicants had not swum the events during the qualifying period. (Would encourage coaches to have their 13-14 boys apply/attend the All Star meet in 2018.) The All Star head coach was a part of the decision making process and gave input for the filling in of the last few spots on the team.

On December 1 (the application deadline) we had 113 applications.

On December 13 (one day after the withdraw deadline) we had 102 applications.

Athletes withdrew for a variety of reasons: injury, attending Foxjet or a meet in Indiana, the thought one child would make the team, but not the sibling and a few gave no reason at all.

One athlete withdrew after the team was built and confirmations were sent to the families. This athlete's parents were notified of the ISI policy of withdrawing at that time and the \$100 fine was paid.

Athlete breakdown by age and gender

15 ~ 9&10 boys	11 ~ 9&10 girls
14 ~ 11&12 boys	17 ~ 11&12 girls
8 ~ 13&14 boys	15 ~ 13&14 girls

2018 is slated for Elkhorn, NE January 12-14 as posted on the 2017 All Star Facebook Group.

Summer 2017 ~ 3 Team Iowa Events

Information was emailed to the coaches and club contacts this week and posted on the ISI Facebook page. We will be working on an online registration process next week; mostly JotForm will be used for the CZ Open Water registrations.

Central Zone Multi-Cultural Long Course Meet

Co-Coaches: Frankie Hanson, Riptide and Tanja Sadecky, IFLY

June 9-11, 2017 ~ The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

The meet also includes an athlete dinner featuring an Olympian guest motivational speaker.

Entries will be submitted to the host through the ISI Office on May 17.

10&under, 11&12, 13&14 and 15-18 age groups

The Multi-Cultural Meet is a long course, timed finals meet with no time standards that is open to all swimmers in Central Zone LSCs. This meet is a celebration of athletes of diverse backgrounds, including but not limited to race, age, income, ethnicity, religion, gender and sexual orientation. It provides opportunities for swimmers of diverse backgrounds to represent their LSC, celebrate diversity, allow the success of competitive goals, establish friendships, learn from each other, and share the love of our sport—swimming.

2. Central Zone Open Water Championships

Head Coach: Trudy Hancock, Riptide

Backup Coach: Bobby Kelly, LMST

June 15 & 16, 2017 ~ Pleasant Prairie, WI

In 2016, we had 14 swimmers represent Team Iowa and placed 7th overall (representing 6 teams)

Entries will be through the ISI Office end of May/early June time frame. More information will become available on our ISI event page and Facebook group.

10&under, 11&12, 13&14 and Open age groups

Our closed Facebook group for families is: ISI ~ TEAM IOWA ~ ZONES Open Water Champs 2017
Qualifying Time/Eligibility

Qualification times shall be the National A time in the following:

Open 5K: Minimum 15-16 "A" Time in 400/500, 800/1000 or 1500/1650 Freestyle

13-14 3K: Minimum 13-14 "A" Time in 400/500, 800/1000 or 1500/1650 Freestyle

11-12 2K: Minimum 11-12 "A" Time in 200, 400/500, 800/1000, or 1500/1650 Freestyle

10&Under 1K: Minimum 10&Under "A" Time in 200 or 400/500 Freestyle

2016 numbers

Breakdown of ISI athletes

0 9&10 boys # 1 9&10 girls

2 11&12 boys # 1 11&12 girls

2 13&14 boys # 3 13&14 girls

3 15&over boys # 2 15&over girls

3. Central Zone Long Course Championships

Head Coach: Don Spellman, ICE

Asst Coaches: Parker Craw, LMST, Eric Follmuth, NIS and Jennie Hedrick-Rosenberg, SEA

August 2 & 6, 2017 ~ Rochester, MN

10&under, 11&12 and 13&14 age groups

Entries for the meet will follow the National "AAA" time standards per event and age group.

Entries will be through the ISI Office.

More information to come on our ISI event page and Facebook group once it is made available from the meet host.

Our closed Facebook group for families is: ISI ~ TEAM IOWA ~ ZONES 2017 ~ Team Hotel block information posted