

Iowa Swimming House of Delegates Proposals – April 22nd, 2017
(Asterisk indicates attachment included)

General

Proposal A – ISI funding facility costs for Championship level meets

Submitted by David Happel, Head Coach Vinton Aquatics Club, Secretary of ISCA

Proposal: Add a line item to the budget for Championship pool rental in the amount of \$20,000. Championship meet hosts may apply to the ISI Board for reimbursement of rental fees.

Rational: This allows our Championships to be in the best available facilities.

Effective:

Proposal B – Iowa Outstanding Swimmer Awards, Senior Division, revision of eligible meets

Submitted by Marie Koenigsfeld, Iowa Swimming Staff and Sonja Hanson

Proposal: Eliminate Zones meet as an eligible meet for the Senior 15+ Outstanding Swimmer Award. Add Futures meet to the eligible list of meets, points to be awarded similar to current Sectionals point system. Work with the Senior Vice Chair to revise the point system.

Rational: Senior swimmers no longer attend the Zones meet as they did in the past. The Futures meet has been added to USA Swimming list of National meets. Award points similar to Sectionals as it seems many swimmers will attend one or the other, the time cuts are similar.

Effective: Immediately

Championship Meets

Proposal C – Event Program Change for Short Course Age Group Championships *Attachment A

Submitted by Mike Peterson, Head Coach Ames Cyclone Aquatic Club

Proposal: The following is proposed in order to better manage session timelines at the Short-Course Age Group Championships. Additionally, it makes the meet format more manageable for athletes at the championship:

- Eliminate the 1000 freestyle from Short Course Age Group State event program for both the 11/12 and 13/14 age groups.
- Switch the days of 11/12 events 400IM to Thursday PM and 100 IM to Saturday as a Prelim/Final event.

Rational: These changes will potentially shorten the Thursday PM timeline by more than 100 minutes, thus allowing the session to begin one hour later (6PM) OR to finish by 7PM if the current 5PM start is maintained. This will also allow the Saturday finals session to finish earlier.

Effective:

Proposal D – Event Program Change for Short Course Age Group Championships *Attachment A

Submitted by Mike Peterson, Head Coach Ames Cyclone Aquatic Club

Proposal: The following is proposed in order to better manage session timelines at the Short Course Age-Group Championships. Additionally, it makes the meet format more manageable for athletes at the championship:

- Eliminate the 800 freestyle relay from Short Course Age-Group Championship event program for the 13/14 age group.
- Switch the days of the 11/12 and 13/14 Medley relays. 400 Medley Relay move to Thursday PM and 200 Medley Relay moves to Saturday.

Rational: These changes will potentially shorten the Thursday PM timeline by more than 45 minutes, thus allowing the session to begin one hour later (6PM) or to finish by 7:30PM if the current 5PM start is maintained. They will also allow the Saturday finals session to finish earlier.

Effective:

Proposal E – Championship Q Standards Update for the 800/1000 and 1500/1650 freestyle events *Attachment A

Submitted by Mike Peterson, Head Coach Ames Cyclone Aquatic Club

Proposal: The following is proposed to allow athletes a more sensible path to qualifying to compete in the longest distance freestyle events at ISI Championship meets.

- Allow an athlete who has achieved EITHER the Qualifying time in the 800/1000 OR the 1500/1650 freestyle to compete in BOTH events at the Championship meet for which the qualifying time was achieved.

For example, an athlete who achieves the 1000 freestyle SCY Q-time for Senior Championship meet would also be allowed to enter the 1650 freestyle at the slowest non-conforming Q-time at the Senior Championship meet.

Rational: With the offering of these long-distance freestyle events being disproportionate to almost all other events at non-championship dual meets and invitationals, this change would allow a more reasonable path to athletes who desire to compete in both longer races at their championship meet.

ISI Policy and Procedure - Meets

Proposal F – Remove language requiring three-point entry, Section I-M-3 (General Warm-Up Rules)

Submitted by Peyton Werner, ISI Junior Athlete Representative, Athlete with Lane Four Aquatics

Proposal: The following is proposed in order to give the athletes the ability to enter warm-ups and cool-downs in a safe effective way but giving them the ability/flexibility to enter the lane without having to interrupt the people sitting at the wall in the warm-up and cool-down lanes.

- a. Pool Entry. There will be no diving during general warm-up sessions or into warm-up or cool-down areas. ~~All swimmers are to carefully enter the water pool using a feet first three point entry.~~ Cannonballs, horseplay or jumping over swimmers heads to enter the water feet first are not permitted.

Rational: These changes offer the athletes a safe and effective way to enter warm-ups or cool-downs without creating confrontation with the officials. Thus, offering a suitable, tension-free environment between the swimmers and officials.

This will also be in accordance with the majority of LSC's warm-up procedures in USA Swimming creating a similar environment, if any ISI athletes were to travel to meets beyond our LSC.

Effective:

Proposal G – Elimination of the Three-Point Entry Requirement. Section I, VII.M.3.a

Submitted by Curt Oppel, ISI Admin Vice Chair

Proposal: Change Section I,VII,M.3.a to read:

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Rational: In general, meet hosts are not enforcing the rule during meets. The athletes don't follow it; a majority of meet personnel and coaches don't enforce it. Teams from other LSC's don't follow it when they come to meets within our LSC.

Effective: Immediately

Proposal H - Increase the number of Meet Marshals during the General Warm-up Period.

Submitted by Curt Oppel, ISI Admin Vice Chair

Proposal: Change Section I, VII.M.1 to read:

1. Meet Marshals. Meet Marshals must be on duty from the time the pool opens to insure that the ISI Mandatory Warm-Up Procedure is followed and to supervise the use of the pool in general during the meet. During the entire pre-competition warm-up period, the host club will provide the same number of Meet Marshals as there are pools available for warm-up.

Example: Loras College, San Jose Pool, has one pool. DASH only needs to provide one Meet Marshall during the pre-competition warm-up period. However, when IFLY hosts a meet at CWRC and they use two general warm-up pools (north pool and south pool), then IFLY will be required to have two Meet Marshals on deck during the entire warm-up period. Once the pre-competition warm-up period is over, then IFLY can revert to only one Meet Marshal.

Rational: Meet Marshals have significant responsibility, especially during warm-up periods. In a large venue, such as CWRC having one Meet Marshal is insufficient to manage the deck of the pool. It is not the duty of the life-guards provided by the university to manage the pool deck. Likewise, it is not the duty of the Meet Marshal to be prepared to rescue swimmers in the water if they have an issue while swimming. Lastly, it is not the duty of the invigilating referee and starter to act as Meet Marshals during the general warm up period.

Effective: Immediately

Proposal I – Decrease the number of Regional Championship meets *Attachment B

Submitted by Bobby Kelley, ISI Technical Planning Chair

Proposal: Change to Section K.II

ISI will sanction the following LSC championship meets during the 12-month period beginning September 1st and ending August 31st: ~~two three~~ ISI Winter Regional Finals, the ISI Age Group Short Course Championships, the ISI Short Course Championships, ~~one two~~ ISI Summer Regional Finals, and the ISI Long Course Championships.

Rational: If this motion passes, the number of Winter Regional meets sanctioned by ISI will be two instead of three and the number of Summer Regional meets will be one instead of two. At the 2016 Fall HOD, legislation was passed requiring the Technical Planning Committee to develop qualifying times for Regional meets. By doing this, fewer swimmers within ISI will be eligible to attend these Regional meets. Consequently, the LSC does not need to sanction as many Regional meets each season.

Effective:

Proposal J – Update of Section K *Attachment B

Submitted by Curt Oppel, ISI Admin Vice Chair

Proposal: To adopt the attached Section K of ISI Policy and Procedures to reflect changes made this past year to our Championship meets format. Please see the attached redlined version of Section K.

Effective: