

Technical Planning Committee Meeting Notes

January 18th, 2018 – 9:00 pm

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Agenda

Attendance: Brian Ruffles, Bobby Kelley, Jen Flatte, Peyton Werner, Eric Crawford, Doug Colin, Greg Temple, Marie Koenigsfield, Jen Matthews, Travis Albang, Jamie Langner

- I. Tech Suits Policy – **No Policy needed. Creating a list of examples (not complete list) to accompany the way ISI will define Tech Suits.**
- II. 2019 Long Course Championships
 - Option 1: Split the meet and follow the spring format. The Senior meet would run the weekend before (along with Sectionals & Silver Championships)
 - i. **Would put heavy strain on volunteers (officials mostly) if Sectionals is in Iowa as well.**
 - Option 2: Establish separate qualifying times for the summer meet than the spring meet (primarily the Senior and 13-14 events to shorten the morning)
 - i. Currently, Senior Q-times are based on the average 64th place time. Establish separate cut time for the summer meet since the meet has a different format from the spring.
 - ii. **Concerns about confusing regarding different time standards. More concerns on Silver's being able to handle more athletes.**
 - Option 3: Chase Starts for preliminary sessions
 - i. Based on last year's numbers, this would save 10-12 minutes on each of the preliminary sessions.
 - ii. **Not deemed a large enough change for the hassle.**
 - Option 4: Remove events from the format.
 - i. Thursday: 13-14 800 Free (save 5 heats=54 minutes)
 - ii. Friday: 13-14 800 Free relay (save 2 heats in prelims = 23 minutes + 2 heats in finals = 23 minutes)
 - iii. Sunday: 13-14 1650 Free (save 3 heats in prelims = 62 minutes)
 - iv. **None in favor of removing events or showing preference to certain age groups or types of events.**
 - Option 5: Run 12 & Under Sessions at Mercer with 13 & Over Sessions at CRWC.
 - i. **Too many logistical struggles with parents and volunteers running from one to the other.**
 - Option 6: No Change
 - i. **Preferred method at this time. It is a long meet, but still manageable.**
- III. Seeding for the 1000 & 1650 at AG Champs

- 1000 frees - swim the four fastest heats 11-12 G/B then 13-14 G/B. Then, leave the rest in their respective events, and swim them alternating girls and boys. The Referees can try and combine things in a few heats if needed due to time just as we do at any other meet.
- 1650 frees - swim the top 8 girls then boys regardless of age group. Then, leave the remaining events alone. Don't combine them by age and gender. Again, we can look to combine if needed based on time certain heats.
- ***Committee to recommend using one combined event with Hy-Tek separating the age groups for scoring. It removes the leg work of needing multiple events and is able to do what we need.***

IV. Athletes not qualifying for Silvers – How many and what do we do?

- I want to express my great disappointment when I found out we would not have regional this year. This makes for a very weird end to any swimmers that don't make silver times. Even more discouraging is for all swimmers that age up at the end of the season. All season they meet S and Q times, age up and then have no meet to attend at the end.
- ***Committee was aware of this possibility going in. Teams are able to host intrasquad meets for those athletes if they want to give them an opportunity to have one last meet at the end of the season. Creating a Bronze meet was also discussed, but ultimately decided to wait until after we have this year's data to recommend anything moving forward. Also requesting from the board to have bids for a secondary summer Silver site if needed with a deadline of August 26th to determine if the meet will happen.***