

CHANGES TO CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT FOR 2024

The following outlines the changes to the current championship format, as established by the Technical Planning Committee, that will be implemented for all 2024 IASI Championship meets, unless otherwise noted.

Of note, the event offerings and order of events for the Short Course Senior Championships and all Regionals Championships will remain the same.

Additionally, the qualifying standards for all championship meets will not get slower and may get faster as deemed necessary for meeting the timeline demands for each meet. The qualifying standards used for specific events at the Regionals Championships will remain the same.

Below are changes to the format from previous championship editions:

- **Limited Prelim/Final Event Offerings for 11-12 Age Group at Short Course Age Group Championships**

At the Short Course Age Group Championships, all events 100-yards or shorter will be contested as prelim/final events, with the fastest eight swimmers qualifying for finals. Events 200-yards or longer will be contested as timed finals events with the eight highest seeded swimmers competing during the evening session, as done during the previous championship cycle.

- **Include the 100 Individual Medley for the 13-14 Age Group at the Short Course Age Group Championships**

Exclusively at the Short Course Age Group Championships, the 100-yard Individual Medley will be included in the event program for the 13-14 age group on a meet day without the 200-yard or 400-yard Individual Medleys. Qualifying times will be established for the 100-yard Individual Medley when released in October 2023.

- **Finalist Announcements**

If time permits, a short break (approximately 2-minutes) will be included following each preliminary event to announce the swimmers qualifying for finals. Should the results from the preliminary round not be ready for announcement, the swimmers qualifying for finals will be announced at the next announcement break.

- **Rearrange Event Order for the Short Course Age Group Championships**

To accommodate the inclusion of the 13-14 100-yard Individual Medley and a limited offering of prelim/final events for the 11-12 age group, a new event order is necessary. Additionally, the new event order rearranges the Friday events to spread out the 1000 Freestyle, 200 Freestyle, and 800 Freestyle Relay. The new order of events is listed below:

Session 1 - Friday Morning Prelims

Warm Up: 8:00 am		Competition: 10:00 am
Girl's Event #	Event	Boy's Event #
7t	11-12 400 Individual Medley (non top-8)	8t
9p	13-14 200 Freestyle	10p

11p	11-12 50 Backstroke	12p
13p	13-14 100 Breaststroke	14p
15t	11-12 200 Butterfly (non top-16)	16t
17p	13-14 200 Butterfly	18p
19p	11-12 100 Breaststroke	20p
21p	13-14 100 Backstroke	22p
23t	11-12 200 Freestyle (non top-8)	24t
25p	13-14 400 Individual Medley	26p
1t	11-12 1000 Freestyle (top-8)	2t
1t & 3t	11-12 & 13-14 1000 Freestyle *	2t & 4t

* swimming combined, fastest-to-slowest, alternating girls and boys

Session 2 - Friday Evening Finals

Warm Up: not before 4:00 pm

Competition: not before 5:00 pm

Girl's Event #	Event	Boy's Event #
3t	13-14 1000 Freestyle (top-8)	4t
5t	11-12 400 Freestyle Relay	6t
10-minute Break		
7t	11-12 400 Individual Medley (top-8)	8t
9f	13-14 200 Freestyle	10f
11f	11-12 50 Backstroke	12f
13f	13-14 100 Breaststroke	14f
15t	11-12 200 Butterfly (top-8)	16t
17f	13-14 200 Butterfly	18f
19f	11-12 100 Breaststroke	20f
21f	13-14 100 Backstroke	22f
23t	11-12 200 Freestyle (top-8)	24t
25f	13-14 400 Individual Medley	26f
27t	13-14 400 Freestyle Relay	28t

Session 3 - Saturday Morning Prelims

Warm Up: 7:30 am

Competition: 8:30 pm

Girl's Event #	Event	Boy's Event #
47p	11-12 50 Freestyle	48p
49p	13-14 50 Freestyle	50p
51t	11-12 200 Breaststroke (non top-8)	52t
53p	13-14 200 Individual Medley	54p
55t	11-12 500 Freestyle (non top-8)	56t
57p	11-12 100 Backstroke	58p
59p	13-14 500 Freestyle	60p
61p	11-12 50 Butterfly	62p
63p	13-14 100 Butterfly	64p
65p	11-12 100 Individual Medley	66p
67t	13-14 800 Freestyle Relay (non top-8)	68t

Session 4 - Saturday Afternoon Timed Finals

Warm-ups: not before 11:30 am

Competition: not before 12:20 pm

Girl's Event #	Event	Boy's Event #
29t	10&U 100 Freestyle	30t
31t	10&U 50 Breaststroke	32t
33t	10&U 100 Backstroke	34t
35t	10&U 100 Butterfly	36t
37t	10&U 100 Individual Medley	38t
39t	10&U 500 Freestyle	40t
41t	10&U 200 Medley Relay	42t

* all events followed by an awards break

Session 5 - Saturday Evening Finals

Warm-ups: not before 4:00 pm

Competition: not before 5:00 pm

Girl's Event #	Event	Boy's Event #
43t	11-12 400 Medley Relay	44t
45t	13-14 400 Medley Relay	46t
47f	11-12 50 Freestyle	48f
49f	13-14 50 Freestyle	50f
51t	11-12 200 Breaststroke (top-8)	52t
53f	13-14 200 Individual Medley	54f
55t	11-12 500 Freestyle (top-8)	56t
57f	11-12 100 Backstroke	58f
59f	13-14 500 Freestyle	60f
61f	11-12 50 Butterfly	62f
63f	13-14 100 Butterfly	64f
65f	11-12 100 Individual Medley	66f
67t	13-14 800 Freestyle Relay (top-8)	68t

Session 6 - Sunday Morning Prelims

Warm-ups: 7:30 am

Competition: 8:30 am

Girl's Event #	Event	Boy's Event #
89t	11-12 200 Backstroke (non top-8)	90t
91p	13-14 200 Backstroke	92p
93p	11-12 50 Breaststroke	94p
95p	11-12 100 Butterfly	96p
97p	13-14 100 Freestyle	98p
99p	11-12 100 Freestyle	100p
101p	13-14 200 Breaststroke	102p
103t	11-12 200 Individual Medley (non top-8)	104t
105p	13-14 100 Individual Medley	106p
87t	13-14 1650 Freestyle (non top-8)	88t

Session 7 - Sunday Afternoon Timed Finals

Warm-ups: not before 11:30 am

Competition: not before 12:20 pm

Women's Event #	Event	Men's Event #
69t	10&U 200 Freestyle	70t
71t	10&U 100 Breaststroke	72t
73t	10&U 50 Backstroke	74t

75t	10&U 50 Butterfly	76t
77t	10&U 200 Individual Medley	78t
79t	10&U 50 Freestyle	80t
81t	10&U 200 Freestyle Relay	82t

* all events followed by an awards break

Session 8 - Sunday Evening Finals

Warm-ups: not before 3:00 pm

Competition: not before 4:00 pm

Girl's Event #	Event	Boy's Event #
83t	13-14 200 Medley Relay	84t
85t	11-12 200 Medley Relay	86t
87t	13-14 1650 Freestyle (top-8)	88t
89t	11-12 200 Backstroke (top-8)	90t
91f	13-14 200 Backstroke	92f
93f	11-12 50 Breaststroke	94f
95f	11-12 100 Butterfly	96f
97f	13-14 100 Freestyle	98f
99f	11-12 100 Freestyle	100f
101f	13-14 200 Breaststroke	102f
103t	11-12 200 Individual Medley (top-8)	104t
105f	13-14 100 Individual Medley	106f
107t	11-12 200 Freestyle Relay	108t
109t	13-14 200 Freestyle Relay	110t

- **Slight Event Order Rearrangement for the Long Course Championships**

At the Long Course Championships, move the 13-14 and Senior 200 Breaststroke from the third day of the meet to the fourth day of the meet, situated between the 200 Backstroke and prior to the 100 Freestyle. Additionally, move the 400 Freestyle on the third day of the meet to between the 100 Backstroke and 100 Butterfly.

Additionally, there are a few concepts that the Technical Planning Committee will continue exploring and working with others around the LSC to create a plan for implementation, including but not limited to:

- **Enhanced Excitement at Championships Meets**

In an effort to enhance the excitement at all championship meets, the Technical Planning Committee will continue to explore various areas noted to upgrade the experience for the swimmers. For example, regarding the public address announcer, would increasing the information and/or training provided create a more exciting atmosphere? Can additional signage be secured to dress the facility for the look of a top-level championship? Would switching from athlete bag tags to a gift pin be a benefit to swimmers while simplifying logistics for host clubs? The previous items and others will be continually explored and implemented in due course.

- **Explore Single Age Group Qualifying Standards**

As previously discussed, single age group divisions don't present an optimal situation for meet operations. However, the Technical Planning Committee will explore using single age group time standards to increase the

number of swimmers qualified to compete in the current competition structure. Essentially, single age group time standards could serve as a bonus entry method for the swimmers at the bottom of the age group. For example, the events may only differ by 0.2 per 50 for swimmers in the bottom of the age group. This will be examined as a potential option for increasing participation. Also, consider exploring the impact of a percentage change from the current standards that are slower for the bottom of the age group and faster for the top of the age group.

- **Continue Reviewing the Event Offerings at Championship Meets**

The Technical Planning Committee will continue to review the events offered at championship meets and strive to meet the desires of all primary stakeholder groups. Among these considerations, the inclusion of the 1500/1650 will be an area discussed.

- **Examine Championship Meet Financials for Encouraging Hosts to Host**

Following championship meets the financial information from the previous meets will be reviewed by members of the Technical Planning Committee to determine where changes or adjustments may be necessary, with the objective of ensuring that championship meets are well conducted and appealing to host clubs.