

Coaches Meeting December 13, 2014 At Bowdoin Open

The Junior Olympic Trial meet, which was recommended by the TPC, was approved by the Board of Directors at its November meeting.

(Refer to TPC and BOD meeting minutes posted online)

This meeting was an opportunity for the coaches to ask questions about this meet and to discuss the possibility of offering Bonus events at JO's.

Questions about JO's:

Question: Will there be a minimum qualifying time for each event?

Answer: Not this year, but we can think about this for future JO Trials. Other options to discuss for future Trials meets are relays and scoring.

Question: Why are we having the Junior Olympic trials meet?

Answer: Some of the goals for the Junior Olympic Trial Meet are to attract more Y swimmers to USA swimming events, to provide an exciting championship like meet for swimmers who do not qualify for Junior Olympics, & to give swimmers a chance to qualify for the Junior Olympics in events where they have not yet qualified.

Question: Can swimmers enter events in which they have already qualified for Junior Olympics even if they qualified two years ago?

Answer: No

Question: Who will be the host team/ who receives the income from the meet?

Answer: Per TPC minutes 10/15/14 "MSI will get entry money and concessions will be awarded to the host team for both JO Trials and Developmental Meets.

Note: The future D-III meets will be scheduled for the last Sunday of February break.

Question: will events at JO Trials and last Developmental meet conflict?

Answer: from TPC meeting minutes 10/15/14:

EVENTS FOR THE D-III MEET/ FEBRUARY @ CMA:

One Day Meet, should be on a Sunday so Y kids can enter. Swimmers may enter 5 events.

12& Under: 500 Free, 50 Free, 100 IM, 400 Mixed FR

13& Over: 50 Free, 100 IM, 1000 OR 1650 Free [both offered], 400 Mixed FR

JUNIOR OLYMPIC TRIALS EVENTS

Day 1 AM Session /PRELIMS 11& over; Timed Finals 10& Under

200 Free 11& Over

100 Fly 11& Over

50 Breast 10& u and 11-12 [Timed Finals – swum at AM session only]

100 Back 11& Over

50 Free 10 & Under and 11 & Over [10& U Timed Finals]

400 IM 11& Over [Timed Final – swum at AM session only]

Day 1 PM Session /FINALS 11 & Over

200 Free

100 Fly

200 Breast [Timed Finals - swum in the evening only]

100 Back

50 Free

Day 2 AM Session /PRELIMS 11& over; Timed Finals 10& Under

50 Fly 10& u and 11-12 [Timed Finals– swum at AM session only]

100 Breast 11& Over

100 Free 11& Over

50 Back 10& u and 11-12 [Timed finals – swum at AM session only]

200 IM 11& Over

500 Free 11& Over [Timed Finals – swum at AM session only]

Day 2 PM Session /FINALS 11& Over

200 Back [Timed Final - swum in the evening only]

100 Breast

200 Fly [Timed Final - swum in the evening only]

100 Free

200 IM

A poll was taken and coaches are all in favor of the Junior Olympic Trial meet.

Bonus Events at Junior Olympics:

Motion by John Smith second by Matt Montgomery

Swimmers can swim 4 total events; if they have one cut then they have earned three bonus events. Bonus events must meet B cut times or faster.

Discussion:

- Does this defeat the purpose of raising the competitive bar for Junior Olympics?
- More YMCA swimmers will be attracted to this meet with bonus events.
- Establishing the Trial meet takes care of the need to give more kids the opportunity to go to a championship-style meet and gives more Y kids an incentive to register for USA swimming competition.

Motion fails by a vote of 9 opposed /5 in favor

Motion by Jim Willis second by Zach Gray. Three swims total; for 1 qualifying time you earn 2 bonus events , for 2 qualifying times you earn 1 bonus event.

Discussion:

If you qualify first or second trials without making the cut, you don't earn a bonus event.

Motion passes 10 in favor/ 2 opposed