

Technical Planning Meeting Minutes 9/21/11

Bowdoin Open was discussed briefly – CDC issues, cut times. MSI will try to talk to Bowdoin about these issues.

Summer Champs – Prelims/Finals worked well for 11-12s, lots of different events over a short period of time. Right now, the majority prefer Canada in a coaches vote. There is the expense and time factor. 10 and unders need to be able to swim in multiple sessions for relays due to low numbers.

Winter Champs – Is it a closed meet? What is the closed meet set-up? This meet should be limited to swimmers high school age and younger. Recommendations are to continue 11-12 trials and finals and move 10 and unders out of the meet. There could be a separate 10 and under Championship. 8 and unders would be with 10 and unders but would be non-scoring. They would be eligible for awards. The 8 and under Champs would be eliminated. All 25s would be non-scoring events.

Can 10 and under swim relays at Winter Champs? There could be 12 and under events for everyone to qualify into. Swimmers should pick one meet if they are qualified for both. E-mail entries should be sent to 3 different people – Entry chair, meet director, Sr Chair – Champs, Age Group Chair – 10 and under champs. There will be 7 events for 13 and up swimmers. A last chance meet was brought up.

The “Resident of Maine” needed to compete should be taken out of the packet. Recommendation: Should be properly registered clubs or athletes – this could be done by making it a closed meet. Masters swimmers must be properly registered with MSI in order to compete.

1 trophy for girls, boys and team. Medals 1-3, Ribbons 4-16. Top 3 high point awards for 11 and up, Top 8 and 10 and unders. Under the Reminders section, can we take anything out? All the info is already in the meet info packet. Meet info should have meet classification.

By-Laws – Article 15.6 – Recommendation to change – wording will be determined. Recommendation to change to 14 days instead of 30 days. Special HOD recommendation to change to effective immediately if deemed necessary. Recommend changing to 7 days rules need to be sent out.

Policies & Procedures – Re-number to reflect accurate numbering instead of ones that have been deleted.

Non-Athlete Coaches – Coaches should be properly registered. All coaches must put a team in order to be registered.

2.3 – Review & Approval of all meets.

Winter Champs Entries – Recommendation 8 days before the start of the meet.

Winter Champs Recommendations – 1 relay per team, cut times for the 2nd relay. First 4 A relay, B/C/D relays must have individual cut time and cull off time for relay.

Time Trials – 5 days before instead of “reasonable time”.

Policies & Procedures – Delete every rule with conversion.

P & P – Properly registered “into the pool” changed to “onto the pool deck”.

No deck registrations for anyone.

Bronze meet not considered a Championship meet – change the name to something related to State Qualifiers.

Winter Meet – 11-12 age group.

Discussion about an alternate venue for Summer Champs – Lia will call LCM pools within a 6 hour radius in MA, VT, RI, CT to see which dates are available for this summer.

“Qualifying period for Summer Champs” – Delete

SC – Cut times for out of state teams

“Relay only swimmers” – Delete

21.1 – Delete awards piece

22.2A – Delete first sentence.

“sanctioned (add or approved) event”

Summer Zones 24.7 – “Responsibility of individual club to provide coaching”

25.7 – Delete “Medal Zone”

M30 – Delete

The group discussed looking into using Team Unify for the website.

Winter Zones – Invite before Champs based on fastest times. Time standard by certain date. Top 2 times in the current season. Kids use own transportation to get there.

Bronze meet possibly 10 and under/Bronze if voted on at HOD & re-dated if need be (Feb 11-12).