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Present: Marcel Da Ponte, Henry Clauson, Sadie Woodruff, Mike Schmidt, Jay Morissette  
 Absent: Ali Bragg  
 Non Committee: Mary Ellen Tynan, Taylor Rogers

Topic: 2021 MESI Championships

A few things we need to finalize:

1. **Breaks for Timeline** – Mike said kids are used to having a lot of time between events at champs. Coaches and athletes are concerned about back to back events. After discussion, 10 minute breaks were finalized at:

**TPC APPROVED ORDER OF EVENTS**

Session 1	Session 2	Session3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6
Open 200 IM	12 & U 200 IM	Open 200 Free	12 & U 100 IM	Open 100 Free	12 & U 100 Back
break	break	break	12 & U 50 Fly	Open 200 Fly	break
Open 500 Free	12 & U 500 Free	Open 100 Back	break	break	12 & U 200 Free
break	break	Open 200 Breast	12 & U 100 Free	Open 100 Breast	12 & U 50 Breast
Open 50 Free	12 & U 50 Free	break	12 & U 100 Breast	Open 200 Back	break
		Open 100 Fly	break	break	12 & U 100 Fly
		Open 400 IM	12 & U 50 Back	Open 1650	

2. We can rotate athletes in and out of the pool deck to allow more athletes in each session.
3. We will try to standardize start times and keep things flexible to get the meet in as each facility might have different restrictions.
4. Plan is to combine files after each session and post a combined Meet Mobile. Each site will have their own and then we will have a combined Meet Mobile.
5. Since capacity limits have increased, should we **reduce to three sites**. Mike asked if we are pushing the numbers up. Should be more than OK based on the numbers so far. There will be better competition, better spacing. Mike said KVY could be taken off the list and do Bangor, Bath and Portland. How to redistribute the teams – Mary Ellen will look at the basic numbers and see how they work out. Jay anticipates a surge of registrations as champs come together. If numbers are too high we can always go back to four. Move forward with BYB, LRSC and SEAL. Mike said they can come back in as a site at any time.
6. Total number of events: in the past it has been 9 total for 12 & under and 6 for 13 & over. After discussion, decision is made for **7 events total for all ages**.
7. Event limits per day: Jay suggested to limit per day. Mary Ellen reported Ali liked four events per to allow more flexibility. Decision is a total of **six events per day max**. That includes time trials.
8. How many lanes are swimming? Age Group/Senior Committee suggested four lanes, but that is too little. Are we allowing warm-up warm-down during break? What about backstroke ledges?

## Minutes MESI Technical Planning Committee Minutes

March 12, 2021, 2020 at 8:00AM via Zoom



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LRSC has them and they practice with them. Henry believes you have to use them at all facilities. Henry will look into USAS rules. Jay states we need to give kids the best opportunity. Henry stated that if they are used at one pool they must be available to all lanes at that pool. Cannot use if only have one or two. **We will run six lanes across all pools.**

9. How are we running events? All mixed gender and age? **12 and under mixed and open mixed.** Then we can override if needed. This provides maximum flexibility in the file.
10. Heat winner awards – needs to be the same across sites. It is one more person on deck handing out heat winner awards. **No heat winners awards.**
11. **Time Trials** – if offered at one, need to be offered at all. Will accommodate as we can. Overall Meet Referee (Henry) will coordinate. Mary Ellen will set up a sign-up if people know ahead of time.
12. B Standard Bonus cut for 10 & Unders. Most 10 & Under boy cuts are B cuts so they can't bonus. Should we get rid of that requirement for this year? Would allow a qualifier a few more swims. **No B standard for bonus for 10 & Unders. Currently in process of email vote with three for removing the B standard for 11-12 bonus too since the USA motivational standards have gotten faster.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ellen Tynan