

TPC
9/10/15
Bath YMCA

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Proposals For HOD on 9/12/15:

- Keep JO cuts the same for 1 more year; plan to adjust the cuts every 2 years.

Discussion: There was a decrease in attendance at JO's this year. Was that due to new cut times or having the meet at Orono (or both?). Would like to see how having the meet at Bowdoin with same cut times affects #'s. Plan to announce 2017-18 JO cuts right after 2016 JO's, based on data from that meet.

- New Year's meet at Bowdoin extended to 2 days, Extreme IMX format (See USAS site for list of events)

Discussion: Bowdoin has offered an extra day for this meet. This would be a good opportunity to change existing 1-day format to a true IMX meet in keeping with USAS recommendations. Bowdoin Open is only a few weeks prior but it is not open to all MSI swimmers (cut times, etc) This IMX meet would be a good opportunity for all MSI swimmers, and NES athletes as well.

- TPC supports hiring JO meet manager (funds are included in proposed budget); will still need a meet director to handle facility liaison, hospitality, communications, logistics etc.

- Include 11-12's in finals at JO's (one heat each for girls' & boys 100's and 50 free)

Discussion: Should add 30 minutes, which should be manageable at Bowdoin. At previous meetings, many coaches have expressed a desire to include 11-12 in finals.

- 13&Over's may swim 6 events at JO's (maintain status quo)

Discussion:

- More than 6 events may compromise the quality of the competition.

• Shouldn't it be up to coaches and individual swimmers to determine if more than 6 events will be to much for them?

- Yes, but having more events would force swimmers to swim all potential events in order to compete for high-point trophy or score maximum points for their team.

- JO's: Proposed 13+ event format change, swap 200 IM and 200 Fly

SAT: 2Fl, 50Fr, 2Br, 1Bk, 500

SUN: 2IM, 2Bk, 1Fr, 1000

- JO Trials: add 8&u 25's

Discussion: This gives the 8&unders a meet post-February. Keeps them in the water longer and introduces them to a championship-type meet.

- DI is now a 2-day meet at PBAY. Proposed format:

Sat am: 13+ 100's

Sun pm: 12- 50's & 100 IM

Sun am: Open all 200's

- DII meet: Open the 200 fl, bk, br to 11-12's

- If you have EVER earned a JO cut, you can't swim that event at JOT's, but you can swim it at JO's. (time does not have to be earned within that calendar year).

- Awards at JO's will be optional for 13+ (to be declared w/ entries)

- NCAA swimmers can earn "Open" MSI records but not "Age Group" MSI records.

JOT's will remain a closed meet (MSI only) for at least one more year, to allow for growth of that meet within the state. Teams from other LSC's who wish to compete in Maine at that time of year will be allowed to compete at the DII meet