

## Championship Meet FAQ

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- What is the difference between a championship meet and a regular meet?
  - Championship meets have preliminary sessions (prelims) where the swimmer qualifies for the finals session later that day. Depending on the event, there can be a single championship heat in the finals, or a consolation and championship heat in the finals, or the prelims heats could be considered a timed final, where the swimmer only swims the event once in prelims and it is scored like a regular meet event (i.e. fastest swimmer in the prelims wins)
- What does the Championship Committee do?
  - The Championship Committee is responsible for deciding which pool facilities to use, what should be the format of each championship meet (which events, which days, etc), and any logistical details that need to be worked out.
- Who is on the Championship Committee?
  - The current Championship Committee members are listed on this page: [Board of Directors](#)
- Are the prelims heats seeded differently than regular meets?
  - Yes, they use championship seeding. The fastest 3 heats are circle seeded and any additional heats are seeded like a regular meet. Championship seeding puts the fastest seeded swimmer in the middle lane of the last heat. The second fastest seeded swimmer is in the middle lane of the 2<sup>nd</sup> to last heat and the third fastest seeded swimmer in in the middle lane of the 3<sup>rd</sup> to last heat. The fourth fastest seeded swimmer would be in the last heat next to the fastest swimmer. And so on. This gives all the swimmers in the championship seeded heats the opportunity to swim against some of the fastest swimmers.
- Who hosts championship meets?
  - For almost all the championship meets, the host is the LSC, San Diego Imperial Swimming, instead of a particular swim club. Currently, SI hosts the following championship meets: Short Course Junior Olympics, Senior Classic, Splash and Dash, Long Course Junior Olympics and Winter Age Group Championships. The only exception is the CA/NV Sectionals meet which is awarded by the Zone and has been hosted for the past 3 years by NCA, with the LSC as a co-sponsor.
- What are qualifying times?
  - To enter a championship meet, a swimmer must have met or bettered the qualifying times for each event in both stroke and distance. All times will be verified using the SWIMS database prior to the start of the meet.
- I forgot to enter prior to the deadline, what can I do?
  - Sorry, no late entries are accepted.
- Why are there announcements during prelims that say something like “You have 30 minutes to declare your intentions”?
  - Once the results of a prelim event have been finalized, the swimmers who qualified for finals and the alternates are announced. All finalists have 30 minutes to notify the meet admin if they are not planning on swimming the event in finals. This allows the alternates to be notified that they are moving up to the finals.
- Are no shows handled differently for championship meets?
  - No shows during prelims are handled the same as a regular meet. If a swimmer does not show up for a prelim heat, they cannot swim their next prelim event. If a swimmer does not show for a final, the penalty is quite severe. That swimmer is removed from the remainder of the entire meet. That means the swimmer cannot swim in any individual or relay events for the remainder of the meet.
- What happens if a swimmer plans on swimming finals, but then something happens that they cannot swim in finals?
  - If a swimmer becomes ill, or for whatever reason cannot swim finals even though they originally intended to swim, the meet referee needs to be notified right away. If the meet referee is not notified, it is considered a no show and that swimmer is removed from the remainder of the meet, both individual and relay events. If the meet referee is notified, there is no penalty for the swimmer and the meet referee will try their best to find the next alternate to swim. If there isn't time to find another swimmer, the standard procedure for calling alternates will proceed.
- How do alternates work?
  - An alternate should be ready to swim just in case a swimmer does not show up. When there are both consolation and championship finals, the alternate can only be utilized in the consolation final. If someone does not show up for the championship final, an alternate cannot be utilized, and that lane will remain empty. If there is only a championship final, then an alternate can be utilized.
- Who runs the snack bar at championship meets?
  - Since championship meets are hosted by the LSC, there is no specific team to run the snack bar. This is an opportunity for a team who cannot host meets on their own to raise funds for the team. The LSC provides funds to also provide hospitality to the coaches and officials. When no team steps up to run a snack bar, the LSC will provide the hospitality to the coaches and officials via the hospitality committee, but no snack bar will be available.
- How are event awards given out?
  - The LSC has been trying different formats of award ceremonies. It is a trade-off between acknowledging the swimmers' achievements and having the finals session take less time. Our current choice is to announce all the championship swimmers names after the short whistles prior to the race and then just award the top 3 medals in the

water. The LSC has award podiums and a photo backdrop that can be used for pictures. Swimmers can move to the photo area after the race for pictures. Fourth through eighth medals and ribbons are distributed to the teams.

- Are there high point and team awards?
- High point awards are given out for both JO meets. Team awards are given at each championship meet.
- Why are there no tables for the coaches on the sides of the pool for championship meets?
- It was brought to the LSC's attention that there is not enough space for all the coaches to have a seat at a table during the championship meets. The only equitable solution was to remove the tables. This allows more chairs along the side of the pool and allows coaches to step through to the pool side when necessary. During the 2018 WAGC, coaches from an outside LSC were able to step up when they had swimmers swimming which would not have been possible if tables were there. If another equally equitable solution can be presented, the LSC will entertain that possibility. For now, this is the solution that is being utilized to provide equity for all, even the minority voices. The fair solution is not always the majority opinion and if the minority opinion is not considered, the fair solution would never be chosen. "Privilege is blind to those that have it."