



Committee Reporting Form

Committee name Age Group Committee

Function of committee: Plan the Age Group Program for SC Swimming

Committee Co-Chair: Eduardo dos Santos & Rhett Wisener

Members Present:	Chip Holland	Lynn Williams	Lindsey Little
	Slawka Ndbuishi	Dawn Walker	JJ Johns
	Fabio Silva	Eduardo dos Santos	

Date of last meeting: 4/18/21

Date of next meeting: 6/16/21

Budget Requirements: There are no budget requirements for the committee at this time.

Committee Report: The conference call meeting was call to order by Co-Chairperson Eduardo Dos Santos at 8:15 pm on 5/26/21.

Items discussed:

1. Zone Update

- a. 33 hotel rooms have been reserved at the Holiday Inn Express in Tupelo: 24 athlete rooms (2/room instead of the normal 4/room due to Covid restrictions), additional rooms for coaches, chaperones, bus driver and one disability athlete (disability athlete's parent will stay in his room).
- b. Meeting room for team meetings and meals has been reserved.
- c. Breakfast is included in the hotel room rate; hotel has given permission for outside food to be brought in for lunch and supper meals.
- d. Hotel cost \$545/athlete.
- e. Bus not reserved yet but several quotes have been received. The best quote to date is \$6,050.
- f. The team will return to S.C. on the day after the meet. Trip dates are July 26-31.
- g. Head Coach: Chris Wolford. Applications have been received from 2 coaches to serve as assistants.
- h. The time standards and specified order of events in the P & P were used for the Round 1 selection. The Power Points and order of events as specified in the P & P will be Used for the Round 2 selection.
- i. Application numbers look good for all age groups after Round 1 except for the 11/12 age group. We do anticipate fielding a full team.
- j. Chaperone selection was discussed. It was stated that previously we have had parents to volunteer to go as chaperones because their athlete was on the team.

- k. We need to make sure that athletes and parents understand that applying for the team is a commitment to attend the meet. With the Senior Championship Meet ending on the evening prior to the team leaving, these athletes applying will need to come to the meet prepared to leave the next morning.
- l. For the first time we do have one Disability Athlete attending the meet if he does not make the Para Olympic team.
- m. Having the first Disability Athlete on the team brought up the discussion of a selection process and funding of disability athletes on the team. Current suggestions are to fund the athlete staying at the same hotel as other team members and permitting one parent to share the room with the athlete's family providing transportation.
- n. Future possibilities are to look at the Maryland LSC policy which provides funding for up to 3 male and 3 female disability athletes with one parent accompanying the athlete and sharing the hotel room. USA Swimming has suggested Disability Time Standards which NC Swimming is using for their Disability Athlete selection. Also, for now, have any interested, qualified athletes apply and evaluate on a case-by-case basis with times considered.
- o. The recommendation is that the Age Group Committee work with the Disability Committee to draft a policy for the House of Delegates to vote on for the P & P. SC Swimming currently has 38 athletes (11-18 years of age) that have a disability listed on their registration. This number includes 7 athletes that list hearing impaired as the disability; USA Swimming does not recommend using hearing impairment as a qualification for this purpose.

2. Age Group Select Camp

The tentative date for the 2021 Age Group Select Camp is September 11-12. This date may coincide with the Open Water Camp.

- a. Camp will be an in-person camp.
- b. Georgia is using a gender-based camp one day camp this year; this may be a possibility to not require an overnight stay with girls on one day and boys on another.

3. Long Course Age Group Championship Meet

The Long Course Championship Meets (Senior and Age Group) have both been moved to the North Charleston Aquatics Center due to the lack of availability of the Natatorium at USC in Columbia.

- a. The Age Group Committee should have previewed/reviewed the meet information prior to it being sanctioned as there is a problem with the Finals Order of Events. After the meet has been sanctioned and sent to the teams is not the time to be looking at these things.
- b. There is concern over back-to-back 13/14 events in the Friday and Saturday finals sessions caused by the removal of the 11-/12 200's of strokes from finals.
- c. The Committee has recommended that the Chair of the Committee contact the Technical Planning Chair and Meet Referee to see if the Order of Events change can be made to avoid the back-to-back events in finals for the 3/14 age group or if a break can be inserted.

Next meeting: 6/16-21 at 8:15 pm.
Meeting was adjourned at 9:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Lynn Williams
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Age Group Committee Secretary