

Time Standards Report
Fall, 2008, Technical Planning Meeting

Owing to the introduction of revised time standards for the 10 & under and 11-12 portion of the Long Course Championship, two more years' worth of data is needed to accurately determine whether this strategy (along with the allowance of short course qualifying times) has produced the desired results, ie: increased participation. Anecdotal evidence suggests that, at least in 2008, participation has been improved.

One comment about the increased numbers of 12 and under participants having a negative consequence at the meet revolved around the 400 meter freestyles contested on Thursday evening. A breakdown is given below:

400 meter freestyles - 2008	10 & under Girls	10 & under Boys	11-12 Girls	11-12 Boys
Qualifying time	6:55.79	6:52.69	5:30.59	5:41.39
Actual number of participants	40	16	30	26
24th place time	6:11.52	na	5:22.92	5:24.04
32nd place time	6:26.47	na	na	na
Last place time	6:45.45	6:37.12	5:30.92	5:25.51

As you can see, all but one swimmer bested the qualifying times, and in three cases even the last-place swimmer was easily under the cut.

For TPC consideration:

- 1. Should the time standards for 10 & under and 11-12 swimmers be kept the same and a three-year history of the events with the new time standards be allowed to occur?**
- 2. Should an adjustment be made in the 10 & under girls 400 freestyle event prior to 2011?**

The upper age groups saw only 5 time adjustments based on the 3-year averaging of results:

13-14 Boys 100 backstroke

15-16 Boys 200 freestyle

13-14 Girls 100 & 200 freestyles and 100 breaststroke.

For TPC consideration:

- 1. Approval of 2009 LCM time standards as presented for 13 and older swimmers.**

Respectfully submitted,
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