# 2022 Southeastern Swimming Coaches Committee Meeting August 27, 2022

Attendance: Jessica Abrahamson (ACAC), Jeff Dellinger (AUB), Brian Gill (BAY), Chris Coraggio (BSC), Dan Rozick (BSL), Scott O'Reilly (BXST), Brad Kale (CA), Tyler Kerns (CMSA), John Boxmeyer (CTA), Greg Johnson (GPAC), Nathan Smith (GPAC), Ben Davis (H.S.A.), Alison Pick (H.S.A.), Matt Webber (H.S.A.), Robby Dellinger (JAC), Alex Roberts (LTSE), Roger Dahlke (MCC), Pam VonJouanne (MSA), David Orr (MTS), John Morse (NAC), Mandy Johnson (OST), Tyler McGill (OST), Cameron Higdon (PA), Phillip Wood (PCST), Martie Brown (PSL), Jorge Blasini (RPS), Daphne Bush (SAST), Robin Heller (SAST), Tim Bauer (TNAQ), Derek Paul (TNAQ), Jan Mittemeyer (TNT), Benji Demotte (XCEL), Steven Murry (XCEL), Clark Hammond (SES BOD), Mary Anne Petruska (Officials Chair), Donna Williamson (SES BOD)

Meeting Called to Order 1:01pm

<u>Reports of Officers:</u> Age Group Vice Chair Tyler Kerns – Report on website; Senior Vice Chair Brad Kale – Report on website

Review of Championship Meets: All meets gave basic attendance figures and reported that meets went well

Legislative Items:

T-1 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn Submitted by Matt Webber H.S.A. of behalf of Championship Committee Will be effective immediately

#### T-1 Adjust 11-12 Order of Events at SCY Championship Meet to align with 13&Older

Proposal is to make the following changes to the 11-12 order of events at the Southeastern Swimming Short Course Championship Meet:

- Move 11-12 100 yard Individual Medley to events #109 for girls and #110 for boys (currently are events #50 and #60)
- Move 11-12 100 yard Breaststroke to events #59 for girls and #60 for boys (currently are events #109 and #110)

**Rationale**: This will have the 11-12 events align with the similar events for 13&older swimmers during the Finals session at the Short Course Championship Meet

T- 2 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn
Submitted by Matt Webber H.S.A. on behalf of the Championship Committee
Will be effective immediately

#### T-2 Eliminate the Top Single Performance Award from Southeastern Championship Meets

Proposal is to eliminate the Top Single Performance Award from being given at both the Short Course and Long Course Championship Meets.

**Rationale**: This award has not caught on for interest.

T-3 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn

Submitted by Matt Webber H.S.A. on behalf of Championship Committee Will be effective immediately

#### T-3 Change Individual High Point Awards at Southeastern Championships to Plaques

Proposal is to change the Individual High Point Awards at Southeastern Championships from the current trophies to plaques. The plaques will look similar to the current team age group high point awards.

**Rationale**: Many people prefer plaques to trophies. This also allows our awards to maintain a consistent look and design.

T- 4 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn

Submitted by Matt Webber H.S.A. on behalf of Championship Committee Will be effective beginning with the 2023 Long Course Championship Meet

#### T-4 Allow for Championship Meet Fees to be a part of the Bid Package

Proposal is to allow championship meet fees to be a part of the meet bid package submitted by prospective hosts for Southeastern Swimming Championship Meets.

<u>Rationale</u>: This allows potential meet hosts to set fees based on their variable conditions at their facilities as a part of the bid package rather than having a separate vote by the Technical Committee to approve any fee changes. Technical Committee would still have final vote on who receives winning bid. Prospective meet hosts would have to specify any meet fees within their bid package.

# T-5 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn Submitted by Matt Webber H.S.A. on behalf of Championship Committee

Will be effective beginning with the 2024 Championship Meets

**T-5 Rebrand the LSC Championship Meets and Set Meet Specific Time Standards Across all Formats**Proposal is to make the following changes to the current Southeastern Swimming Short Course and Long Course Championships beginning with the 2024 Championship Meets:

- Rebrand the SES Short Course Championships to the Southeastern Swimming Winter Championships
  - The meet will be conducted in SCY format
  - The meet will have its own specific set of SCY, LCM, and SCM Time Standards (standards will have nothing to do with the Summer Championships)
- Rebrand the SES Long Course Championships to the Southeastern Swimming Summer Championships
  - The meet will be conducted in LCM format
  - The meet will have its own specific set of LCM, SCY, and SCM Time Standards (standards will have nothing to do with the Winter Championships)

Rationale: This allows swimmers more opportunities to qualify for Championship Meets across all formats. This proposal also allows for the qualifying times to be related specifically to the meet in which they are qualifying rather than using a SCY standard from a meet that is completely different to qualify for the LCM Championship Meet. The basic two meet distinction follows a similar plan as to that of USA Swimming's Winter Junior Nationals and Summer Junior Nationals which are two very different meets. Waiting to implement these changes in 2024 gives us time to get the standards in place with another year of data from a full participation championship season.

T-6 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn

Submitted by Matt Webber H.S.A. on behalf of the Championship Committee Will be effective for the 2023 SES SCY Championship ONLY

# T-6 Make Adjustments to the 2023 SES SCY Championship Meet

Proposal is to make the following changes to the meet format specifically for ONLY the 2023 Southeastern Swimming LSC Short Course Championships due to work being done on the Legacy Pool at the Huntsville Aquatic Center during the meet:

- The meet will be run in a single 10 lane course for the entire meet. This means we will bring back 10 lanes per finals heat and score the meet based on 10 places (14&Under) and 20 places (Senior). Awards will still only be given for Top 8 places. The alternate 8 lane course will be run as continuous warm down.
- Add a Thursday evening session and move the 13-14 and Senior 1650 yard Freestyle events to that Thursday evening session (we are not adding any events such as the 1000 Free).
- Run the 11-12 Age Group as timed finals and move them into the afternoon session Friday-Sunday.
- Run the 10&Under Age Group as timed finals in the same afternoon session as the 11-12 swimmers and change their order of events to mirror the 11-12 Age Group and take place over all three days, Friday-Sunday.
- Remove the following 13-14 and Senior events from this specific meet to make timeline work:
   200 yard Freestyle Relay, 200 yard Medley Relay, 200 yard Mixed Medley Relay (these are the relay events added to prelim sessions at the 2022 SCY Championship Meet

<u>Rationale</u>: While these changes are not necessarily desirable, we have to make some adjustments to the meet in order to make it reasonable for athletes due to work being done on the Legacy Pool during the Championship weekend. These changes are specifically only for this one meet. If these changes are made, timelines are very manageable and allow for some buffer between sessions.

Amended – This change will only be implemented if the renovation will happen during the scheduled SCY Championship Meet. If there is not renovation work going on during the scheduled SCY Championship Meet then the meet will refer to its current format. This should be known in the next few weeks

T- 7 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn

Submitted by Tyler McGill OST and Dan Rozick BSL (separately proposed)

Will be effective starting with the 2023 Southeastern Long Course Championships

#### T-7 Add a "B" Consolation Final to the 13-14 Age Group for LSC Championship Meets

Proposal is to add a scoring consolation "B" final heat to the 13-14 Age Group at Southeastern Championship Meets

<u>Rationale</u>: Allow more of the 13-14 age group swimmers an opportunity for second swims and to help prepare them for finals swimming at the 15 & up level. Most other LSCs in USA Swimming offer standard top 16 finals at the age group level and SES should be doing the same. From a timeline perspective we added an additional heat to 2022 LCM Southeasterns and the difference was negligible.

T-8 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn

Submitted by Benji Demotte XCEL

Will be effective beginning with the 2023 LCM Championships

T-8 Split Each Current LSC Championships Into Two Championship Meets (14&Under and 15&Over).

Proposal is to split each of the SES LSC Championship meets into two championship meets. The first meet would be 14 and under while the second would be 15 and over.

<u>Rationale</u>: Having a full team championship puts too much pressure on the timelines for all athletes. Swimmers are often afforded less than three hours between the completion of the preliminary sessions and the beginning of finals warm ups. In addition, in an attempt to keep timelines reasonable, we only have A finals for all 14 and under events and a limited number of events for 11-12 swimmers. Splitting the meet would allow us to offer a more competitive and complete championship for all our swimmers.

T-9 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn

Submitted by Benji Demotte XCEL

Will be effective beginning with the 2023 LCM Championships

T-9 Offer the 200s of stroke and the 400 IM for 11-12 swimmers at the LSC Championships

Proposal is to offer the 200 Back, 200 Breast, 200 Fly, and 400 IM for the 11-12 age group at SES LSC Championship Meets.

<u>Rationale</u>: PVS, VA, NC, SC, GA, FL and FGC all offer these events which is a contributing factor to why the SES is so underrepresented on the national level in those events and even the 13-14 200s.

T- 10 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn

Submitted by Benji Demotte XCEL

Will be effective beginning with the 2023 LCM Championships

T-10 Offer "B" Finals for all 11-12 and 13-14 Age Groups at the SES Championships

Proposal is to allow for consolation "B" final heats for the 11-12 and 13-14 age groups at SES LSC Championship Meets.

**Rationale**: In the SES, we have a fairly dramatic drop off in registered swimmers as our age groups increase. Our current format dramatically limits the number of scoring opportunities for all swimmers in the younger age groups. Offering the same opportunities to our age group swimmers that we already afford to the Senior swimmers will help retain our younger swimmers.

Amended – Eliminate the 13-14 from this proposal as they have been passed in T-7

Amended Again – To score the B final for 11-12 swimmers

T- 11 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn

Submitted by Benji Demotte XCEL

Will be effective beginning with the 2023 LCM Championships

T-11 Score 16 Places for all age groups at the SES Championships

Proposal is to score 16 spots for all age groups at the SES Championships. If proposal T-10 is not adopted, this could be accomplished by scoring 9-16 as timed finals and 1-8 as prelims/finals.

<u>Rationale</u>: As in proposal T-10, we have severely limited the scoring opportunities in the very age groups where we have the most swimmers. Additionally, adding more scoring sport would ensure that the number of teams scoring points will increase over the current format. Furthermore, having inconsistent scoring makes Meet Mobile difficult to understand for calculating team scores.

T- 12 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn

Submitted by Benji Demotte XCEL

Will be effective immediately

# T-12 Score "B" relays at the SES LSC Championship Meets in all categories

Proposal is to score the "B" relays at the SES LSC Championships in a consistent manner in all categories. **Rationale**: Having B relays count towards total team scores but not towards age groups awards is confusing both to our parents, but also to our volunteer table workers. At the LC meet, the scores were constantly shifting when the table would delete the B relays or add them back on depending on their understanding of what we were asking them to do. Additionally, formatting the meet in a way that is so complex that Meet Manager is incapable of scoring it as one meet, effects every coach, swimmer and parent who is referencing Meet Mobile. For example, the Meet Mobile scores for the 2022 LC meet show Ensworth senior women winning the Senior division over Auburn with a score of 524 to 493.5. Anyone looking at that score would understandably believe that they won that age group. However, since their B relays don't count for that particular award, Auburn technically won that age group. This kind of confusion is unnecessary and isn't serving our LSC well.

# **Old Business from 2020 Meeting**

2020 T-7 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn

Submitted by Robin Heller SAST

Will be effective

# T-7 Incorporate Para 1, 2, and 3 Motivational Time Standards Into LSC Championship Meets

Proposal is to to adapt and incorporate USA Swimming's LSC Motivational Time Standards into Southeastern Swimming's Long Course and Short Course Championship Meets

Rationale: As the Adaptive Chair for Southeastern Swimming is it my duty to submit this proposal to the body. These times have been passed down as a tool for LSCs to decide how or if they want to incorporate disability standards in our meets and how. Here is the best way I have decided to propose adopting these standards. By Adapting the "Para1, 2, and 3" Motivational Time Standards we will be allowing Disability Swimmers to compete in Our SES Championship meets.

- All Swimmers would have a maximum of 6 Individual Events to be swum Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Max of 2 events per day. BOTH long course and Short Course Meets
- These swimmers will swim TIMED FINALS ONLY in Prelims like the 10 and Unders.
- The "Disability Events" will be spaced out during prelims and all swimmers will be placed in a heat based on SEED TIME (not stroke, age, distance, etc.) SEED time will be used to make the timeline as tight as possible and to have close competition for our disability athletes.

For Example: (and just my suggestion totally up to the host team)

Friday 2 Events: 45 seconds and under and 4-5 mins

Saturday 2 Events 1:30 and under and 2-3 mins

Sunday 2 Events 1:00 and under and 3-4 mins

- On Sunday Events will be placed and awards will be given, but no points will be allotted
- Disability Swimmers are swum together, but scored by gender, event, age group, but NOT separated by Disability only by "Para 1, 2, and 3"

Supporting documentation (standards) will be posted.

<u>Legislation for House of Delegates:</u> R1 was recommended for approval by the Technical Committee. There was no recommendation related to R2 by the Technical Committee. R3 was recommended for approval by the Technical Committee.

<u>2023 Championship Time Standards:</u> Time Standards for 2023 SES Championship Meets were adopted as presented.

<u>SES Awards</u>: It was agreed that we extend the deadline for nominations until September 9. Voting for all awards will be done via online submission no later than September 16. Winners will be announced September 19.

#### Announcements:

- USA Swimming Scholastic All American forms must be completed no later than August 31
- SES All Star Awards will be announcer September 1. Caps will be distributed to teams in the Fall
- Championship Meet Bids must be received by September 9. All regular meet bids must be received by September 26.
- Thanks to City of Gulf Shores and GSST Head Coach Brook Hopkins.

Meeting Adjourned 3:03pm