

Virginia Swimming, Inc.
BoD Meeting
June 7, 2021
Executive Director Report

2021 Registrations to Date:

Premium: 5826 (inc 309 Flex upgrades)
Flex: 804 (current)
Outreach: 87
Seasonal: 29
Total: 6746
Non-Athletes: 955
Clubs: 40

2020 # as of 5/31/20:

6191
777
65
0
7033
957
46

2021 Registration Summary: At this point our total athlete registrations are down 4.1% when compared to this date last year. We have had more athletes upgrade from Flex to Premium this year, 309 as compared to 182. Of the 4 that did not renew, I believe at least of two them will renew next year. Two groups have contacted me about forming clubs. One is currently a satellite and looking to branch out on its own while the other would be a new registration.

LC Super Sectional Meet: A very successful meet was held May 13-16 at CSAC with athletes from every LSC in the EZ attending. There were 15 new Wave 1 Trial cuts achieved by 12 athletes. Those attending the meet were most appreciative of the opportunity to race and many athletes and coaches stopped by the Admin desk to express their gratitude. I am still finalizing the financial report but can say at this point that revenues exceeded expenses.

Meet Host Planning for LC Zones: Early last week, a fact sheet about the meet (copy attached) was sent to LSCs in order to assist them in planning for the meet. Since that time, the meet announcement has been sent to Zone leadership as well as the Meet Referee and local meet host for comments and approval. I anticipate having a final, sanctioned announcement by the time of our Board meeting. All 12 LSCs in the Zone expressed an interest in participating in the meet but the level of participation is unknown. At the May EZ Technical meeting, it was decided to waive the current policies for the meet for this year only however, the restrictions concerning athletes who have achieved qualifying times for USA Swimming Winter Juniors or higher-level meets are still being following.

Covid Protocols for Meets: USA Swimming has extended its Covid related requirements for sanctioning meets through July 31st. This means that the waivers must remain in meet announcements and that the Covid supplemental document must continue to be submitted in order for a sanction to be granted. We have updated our Return to Competition Plan, renaming it Covid Competition Checklist, to reflect current requirements. As facilities modify their plans, we need to remind our teams that the plans put into place by the facility are what we must follow even if they are more stringent than what is currently required by state and local mandates.

Grant Received for LSC Camp: As mentioned in my report in April, we applied for a grant of up to \$5000 to host an LSC Select Camp. We've been notified that we received the total amount for the grant with the LSC required to match \$3000. We have chosen to go with the format as originally

planned for the camp previously scheduled for April 2020. The target audience of the camp is athletes who are 11 to 14 years old and selection will be based on IMX scores – top 8 per single age group per gender for a total of 64 athletes. The target dates are the last weekend in September or the first weekend of October.

Resumption of Enforcement of Policy Sections 18.5 and 18.7: As was stated at the last HOD meeting, the policy regarding submitting meet announcements two months prior to the first day of a meet (18.7) as well as the policy regarding changes to sanctioned meet announcements will again be enforced beginning with any meets held after September 1, 2021. As an example, a meet starting on September 24th must be received by the business office NLT July 24th. In addition, once a meet is sanctioned, changes to the order of events, arrangement of sessions, etc. will be charged a re-sanctioning fee. An email will be sent to host teams concerning this and it will also be included in the Meet Director's Workshop.

Overview of EZ LC Age Group Champs

August 4-7, 2021

Collegiate School Aquatic Center

Meet Format:

- 4 Day Meet
- Separate sessions for each age group
 - 13/14 and 11/12 age groups will swim prelims/finals format with separate preliminary session for each age group. Single A final per event is currently planned with consideration being given to adding a B final.
 - 10 & under events will be timed finals.
- Relays
 - will be swum in preliminary or timed final sessions, not in finals.
 - 1 relay team per LSC per event (no relay only swimmers)
- All events except the 400/800/1500 freestyles and the 400 IM will be pre-seeded.
- Fastest eight (8) per gender in the 800, 1500, and 11/12 400 freestyle will swim in finals.
- Order of Events is attached.

Teams will be seated inside the venue.

Splash Fees:

- Individual Events: \$12
- Relays: \$16
- Athlete Surcharge: \$10

Spectators will be allowed inside the venue but will be limited to 400 per session. Information about purchasing tickets in advance will be included in the meet announcement. Heat sheets will be provided free of charge as will a link for video-streaming.

LSC Team Size/Selection (no changes to previously announced information):

- LSC Max of 12 individual swimmers per gender per age group per session (an LSC may bring more than 12/gender but may only enter that number in any session)
- LSC Max of 3 individual splashes per event
- Athlete Max of 3 individual events per day
- Athlete Max of 8 individual events for the meet
- LSCs to determine their respective selection criteria – no qualifying times required.
- Entries to be submitted in SCY.



COVID-19 COMPETITION CHECKLIST

EFFECTIVE 5/29/21

Facility/Venue Recommendations:

- Capacity limits must be followed.
- Use of locker rooms and dryland areas (low ventilated spaces) should be controlled.
- Per MAAPP guidelines, parents/guardians of athletes who are 17 years of age or under must be able to observe their children during competition.

Meet Announcement Requirements:

- In order to ensure enough time for procedures and requirements to be reviewed, draft meet announcements must be submitted to the office no later than:
 - 2 weeks prior to the first day of the meet for intra-squad meets
 - 1 month prior to the first day of the meet for other types of meets (dual, virtual etc.)
- In developing the meet announcement and schedule, ensure that the amount of time between the end of one session and the beginning of another session is adequate to allow for proper cleaning/disinfecting.
- A supplemental document must be submitted with the draft meet announcement that includes:
 - A statement of facility, venue, or local protocols and requirements
 - The plan for athlete and spectator ingress and egress.
 - The planned number of individuals gathering in the spaces: pool, deck, spectator seating, etc. (Athletes, coaches, officials, meet workers and spectators must be included in this number.)
 - The following statement: *In applying for this sanction, (Team) agrees to comply and to enforce all health and safety mandates and guidelines of USA Swimming, Virginia Swimming, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and (local jurisdiction).*
- Relay events will be allowed.
- A meet backup needs to be submitted to the business office no later than seven days prior to the first day of the meet to monitor athlete numbers per session.