



Championship Meet Bids Process

Purpose: To allow for a **consistent** bid process between the IES Short Course Championship, Junior Championship, and Long Course Championship. The LSC is currently on a trajectory that is allowing only a small contingent of teams to place bids on meets, primarily the Junior Championship meet and the Long Course Championship meet.

Recommendation for 2025 – 2027:

	2024	2025	2026	2027
JR	LCN	BID	MRA	MRA
SC	VAN	VAN	BID	VAN
LC	SWAT	TCCC	TCCC	BID

1. Championship Meet Bid Rotation Schedule

- a. This schedule is based on the three facilities that the Technical Planning Committee has identified as offering a high-quality championship experience, for not only our athletes but for families and LSC teams, based on facility location and length of travel, the ability of the facility to host a Championship-level meet, and the experience level of our host clubs in supporting these Championship-level opportunities.
- b. The rotational schedule as recommended will consist of Junior Championships being hosted by MRA at Tony St. Onge Pool for two consecutive years, the Short Course Championships being hosted by VAN for two consecutive years at University of Idaho, and the Long Course Championships being hosted by TCCC at Pasco Memorial Pool for two years for two consecutive years. The third year of the three-year rotation for each meet will be staggered, and open to bid by any club in the LSC. This staggered rotation will result in only one meet bid each year to be voted on at the IES Spring HOD.
- c. The three teams designated as Championship Meet Hosts by the Technical Planning Committee (VAN, TCCC, MRA) will also be eligible to place a bid every third year if they so choose.
- d. This staggered bid rotation process will allow ANY IES team to potentially host any meet in a facility that may be deemed the most suitable for a meet (e.g., LCN bids to hosts Short Course Championships at University of Idaho, or COUG & SHRK bid to co-host Junior Championships at WSU). Clubs may also submit a bid to host at their own facility.

The Technical Planning Committee recognizes that are several teams in our LSC struggling to host meets of any nature. **As IES takes on a leadership role with the management of the championship meets, the opportunity for smaller clubs to work together as co-hosts becomes a more realistic possibility.** Championship meets not only bring in monetary value to a host; they also provide knowledge of hosting and running a meet, encouragement to family members to consider becoming officials, and help to build our LSC support for each other.

2. Championship Bid Process

- a. Teams will submit their respective championship meet bid to the Admin Vice Chair no later than the second Friday of January of the Bid Year (e.g. January 12, 2024 for 2025 Meet Bids).
- b. The Technical Planning Committee will review bids to ensure Championship Meet Host requirements has been addressed (Safe Sport Certified, Safety Plan, Sanction requirements, etc.) Teams fully approved will then be submitted to the Coaches Representative by early February of the Bid Year.
- c. The Coaches Representative will call an IES Coaches Committee Meeting prior to March 1 of the Bid Year, to share with coaches the submitted bid proposals that have been approved by the Technical Planning Committee. The IES Coaches Committee will review the approved meet bids and vote on a recommendation to be presented to the IES Spring House of Delegates regarding the location/host(s) of the championship meet for that Bid Year.
- d. The Coaches Representative will deliver the coaches recommendation, and reasons for that recommendation, at the IES Spring House of Delegates meeting.
- e. The bids for the championship meet will be voted on by the IES Spring House of Delegates Meeting, at that meeting.
- f. The LSC will not award more than one championship meet to the same club in the same year.
- g. ***A team's failure to either attend, or have a representative of their team attend, either the IES Coaches Committee Meeting or the House of Delegates meeting, for a reason not approved under the IES By-Laws or by the General Chair, will forfeit their bid for that respective championship meet.***

