**2015 Western Zone Championship Meet Coordinator Report**

2015 Western Zone Business Meeting

Kansas City, MO September 30, 2015

**Arena Western Zone Senior Championship Meet:**

Held in Clovis, CA July 29 - August 2, 2015

**Meet Statistics – Comparison 2013 - 2015:**

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| **Information** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** |
| No of Teams  No of UN swimmers | Teams: 104  UN swimmers: 27 | Teams: 133  UN swimmers: 34 | Teams: 127  UN swimmers: 31 |
| Total Swimmer Count | 1016 | 1185 | 1170 |
| Total Splashes (excl. swim-offs) | 8065 | 6208 | 5654 |
| Total Relays | 429 | 470 | 409 |
| Meet Records | 19: 14-Ind; 5-Relay | 14: 11-Ind; 3-Relay | Ind-5 |
| Time Trials | TT: 75 splashes | TT: 521 splashes;  N: 261 W: 260 | TT: 626 splashes  N: 256 W: 370 |
| Number of Junior National Times Achieved | Ind Swims: 81; TT: 12  Relays: 3 | Ind. Swims: 249; TT: 35; Relays: 17 | Ind Swims: 71;  LC Jrs: 21; WSC Jrs:50;  TT-Jrs: 6; Relays-Jrs: 1;  Relays-WSC Jrs: 7 |
| Number of National Times Achieved | Not tracked | Ind. Swims: 2 | Ind Swims: 1; TT-3 |

The strategy of using two pools for Prelims/Time Trials and one for Finals worked well.

The officiating staff was thin at times and needs thought given to improving that area of the meet. Mentoring and Reimbursement Programs funding was underutilized. Special thanks go to Mary Jo Swalley and her lead crew at each pool of Mark Brown/John Lorimer (Admin), Debra Baldwin/ Robert Broyles (Deck Refs/Starters) and Tom Copeland/Barry Schab (Chief Judges). Many thanks to all the teams who contributed officials to work the meet.

Special thanks go to Laura Mayer, our Arena WZ Senior Championship Meet Director, and her marvelous support staff for all their long hours of hard work that built and maintained a successful meet held in multiple pools in two different locations. It was a gargantuan task that Laura and her staff handled with ease.

Over the course of the 5-day meet, approximately 50-75 different coaches, swimmers, and officials were interviewed to obtain their feedback on the meet. The results will be published in a separate report on the Western Zone website. **Western Zone Age Group Championship Meet and Western Zone AG Open Water Meet:**

Held in Kihei, Hawaii August 5-9, 2015

**Meet Statistics – Comparison 2013 - 2015:**

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| **Information** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** |
| No of LSCs Attending | Teams: 16 | Teams: 17 | Teams: 17 |
| Total Swimmer Count | 562 | 684 | 662 |
| Total Splashes (excl. swim-offs) | 3179 | 3746 | 3854 |
| Total Relays | 433 | 495 | 486 |
| Meet Records | 22: Ind-11; Relay-11;  AK-1; CO-8; IE-1; NM-1; OR-3; PC-4; PN-1; UT-3; | 41: Ind-29; Relay-12;  CA-4; CC-1; CO-10; HI-1; IE-3; OR-1; PC-5; PN-8; SN-7; SR-1; | 28: Ind-19; Relay-9;  AZ-3; CA-4; NM-1; OR-4: PC-5; PN-3; SN-2; UT-6; |

**WZ Age Group Championship Team Size and Scoring Rank per 2015 Results:**

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| **LSC** | **2013** | | **2014** | | **2015** | |
|  | Team Size | Scoring-  Rank | Team Size | Scoring- Rank | Team Size | Scoring-Rank |
| PC | 53 | 2518 (2) | 67 | 2491 (2) | 60 | 2993 (1) |
| CO | 86 | 4497.5 (1) | 107 | 3283 (1) | 78 | 2970 (2) |
| PN | 41 | 840.5 (8) | 71 | 3056.5 (2) | 59 | 1979 (3) |
| CA |  |  | 43 | 1597.5 (4) | 43 | 1573.5 (4) |
| SN | 49 | 881 (7) | 54 | 1108 (7) | 48 | 1507 (5) |
| SI | 41 | 1380 (5) | 53 | 1160.5 | 56 | 1464.5 (6) |
| OR | 44 | 1969 (3) | 39 | 1195 (5) | 48 | 1213.5 (7) |
| NM | 46 | 1349.5 (6) | 52 | 673 (8) | 44 | 759.5 (8) |
| HI | 9 | 180 (14) | 23 | 500 (12) | 49 | 710 (9) |
| CC | 31 | 644 (10) | 23 | 523 (11) | 24 | 687.5 (10) |
| UT | 54 | 1494 (4) | 44 | 552 (10) | 37 | 668 (11) |
| AZ | 5 | 183 (13) | 9 | 161 (15) | 14 | 436 (12) |
| IE | 39 | 823 (9) | 31 | 647.5 (9) | 35 | 339 (13) |
| WY | 12 | 82 (16) | 19 | 150 (16) | 10 | 141 (14) |
| AK | 20 | 208 (12) | 14 | 90 (17) | 19 | 123.5 (15) |
| SR | 19 | 517 (11) | 18 | 293 (13) | 13 | 121 (16) |
| MT | 13 | 158.5 (15) | 17 | 257 (14) | 25 | 30 (17) |

The meet ran very well. Hawaii won the 2015 Spirit Award. It was not only their welcoming spirit, the wonderful volunteers, and the terrific hospitality, but it was the amazing Hawaiian dance that tipped the balance toward Hawaii and away from Oregon, who came in a very close second with their wonderfully creative skit and invited participation in Hawaii’s dance skit.

Special thanks to Sandy Drake (Meet Referee), John Lorimer (Administrative Referee), Dave Coleman (TL-Refs/Starters), and John Gagliardo (TL-Chief Judge) for their contributions toward making this a well-run meet. The officiating crew had 83 members. Our Evaluators were very busy managing all the requests for mentoring opportunities from so many of the deck officials. Everyone did a marvelous job. The Mentoring and Reimbursement Programs were well utilized. Many thanks to all the LSCs who contributed officials to work the meet.

And a special “Thank You!” to Malcolm Cooper. He and his volunteers worked tirelessly to support the meet on the volunteer side - including their marvelous hospitality. I don’t think Malcolm even left the pool area at night to get some sleep. He was always there and always working to make this meet be a memorable event for everyone who attended.

This year, with the expert guidance of our Meet Referee, Sandy Drake, and our Meet Director, Malcolm Cooper, the Western Zone was once again able to provide an Open Water experience for 204 participants – 10 & Under Boys--18; 10 & Under Girls--12; 11-12 Boys--39; 11-12 Girls--42; 13-14 Boys--46; and 13-14 Girls--47. There were only 5 DNF’s which came from the 13-14 age group (who swam the 3k distance).

Respectfully submitted,

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