

Eastern Zone Meeting
May 13, 2006
Synopsis

Greetings;

Several of you asked if we could disseminate the decisions we made yesterday ASAP so that those of you having meetings in your LSC this coming week could let people know what had been decided. While the minutes of the meeting have yet to be finalized -- Mary Fleckinger and I have compared our notes and are in agreement with what follows; We hope you find it useful in sharing within your LSC -- the key decisions that were made.

Copies of what will be the time standards for the Spring 2007 Sectional Meets (now different for the North and South) are also attached.

John Hirschmann, Technical Chairman
Eastern Zone

Meets Awarded

March 8-11, 2007
Eastern Zone Northern Sectional
Blodgett Pool Harvard Univ Cambridge MA
Sponsored by Mass Bay Marlins (NE Swimming)

March 15-18, 2007
Eastern Zone Southern Sectional
Germantown Aquatic Center, Boyd MD
Sponsored by RMSC (PV Swimming)

March 29-31, 2007
Eastern Zone Age Group SC Championships
Erie County Community College
Buffalo, NY
Sponsored by STAR Swimming (NI Swimming)

Previously Awarded Meets (September 2006)
Eastern Zone Supersectional (LC)
July 19-22, 2007
St Mary's College St Mary's City, MD
Sponsored by CBAC (MD Swimming)

Eastern Zone Age Group LC Championships
August 8-11, 2007
Erie Community College and Univ of Buffalo
Sponsored by STAR Swimming (NI Swimming)

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Other Decisions Made

Short Course Zone Meet

Events Added -- 13/14 and 15/18 200 yd Medley Relay
to be swum as last events on Friday evening

200 yd Free Relay to now be swum as first events on Friday evening -- 11/12, 15/18, 13/14
(11-12 200 yd Med Relay to remain as last event Sat evening)

Short Course Zone Meet

Changes in Order of Events

Previously Numbered Events 111-116 (200 fly/100 fly for 11-12) reversed in order of swim with Events 105-110 (100 free/50 free for 11-12) -- in both prelims and finals.

New Qualifying Times

Qualifying Time to be set for 10/U, 11-12, 13-14 based on faster of 8th place in prelims or last place in finals in prior year -- any LSC having more than two swimmers who all meet this QT may enter all swimmers having this QT -- no longer limited to 2. Current rule allowing each LSC to enter two swimmers in each individual event regardless of entry time remains. NFT rule and national meet participation rules remain in effect.

Qualifying Times for 15-18 will be set based on analysis of how above QT's for other age groups compare to T16 Reportable Times.

Long Course Age Group Zone Meet

No changes

Spring Sectionals

-- Spring 2008 Sectional (both North and South) will be a LCM meet

-- Each Section was granted authority in Sept to set their own time standards starting in March 2007 -- North adopted tighter standards. South elected to not change their time standards from those used in March 2006.

-- Each Section may now select one of two bonus rules: either previous rule (1 get 1, 2 or more get 2) or new bonus rule (1 gets 1, 2 gets 2, 3 gets 1, 4 or more gets 0) -- North elected new bonus rule, South is staying with previous rule.

-- Each Section may adopt their one of two rules regarding swimming relays on Sunday (Sunday Relay Rule) -- retain current rule where fastest 16 (2 heats) swim in finals or adopt new rule where each relay team by Sat check-in may declare for AM or PM swim. Up to 16 relays/event (based on seed time) will be permitted to swim in PM. All wishing to swim in prelims may do so. Both North and South elected to follow this new rule.

Summer Sectionals

Super-sectional will adopt new Sunday Relay Rule effective July 2006.

Time standards for summer 2007 will be set based on the following objectives

50's and 100's -- 10 heats

200's and 400's -- 8 heats

800's and 1500's -- 6/7 heats

Approx 70% of swims from LCM times, 30% SCY -- SCM QT's will be set consistent with LCM after adjusting for additional turns.

Sectional Records

EZ Sectional records will be established with attempt to recognize all swims back to 2001. Separate for LC and SC meets - no separate records will be kept by Section. March 2004 (and 2008) LC Sectional meets will be considered for LC records.