

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ITEMS
DISCUSSED EASTERN ZONE MEETING
MAY 12, 2007

1. Bids for Eastern Zone Short Course Championship were sought – (zone previously agreed at September 2006 meeting that meet will be held April 3-5, 2008) -- no bids submitted. -- Zone advised Zone Directors and Tech Chr will now receive bids – will award upon receipt after consultation with 12 LSC General Chairs.
2. The Zone was advised that corrected qualifying times for 2007 Long Course Sectional Meet were issued on April 9 (all scm QT's were corrected) Teams should be sure to use corrected QT's and not use those issued on April 4. (Corrected versions are clearly marked as such.)
3. The Zone was reminded that it has adopted a 3 1/2 day format for Spring Sectionals and full 4 day format for Summer Sectionals (rather than 3 1/2 day format for SC and 4 day format for LC) Therefore, the LC Sectionals to be held in March 2008 will use the 3 1/2 day format. (This was done in recognition that school would be in session when this meet was held.) Because of concern that with no USA-S sponsored National Spring LCM meet and since Olympic Trial cuts must be attained in a LCM course, there may be a need to protect our meet for Eastern Zone swimmers to prevent oversubscription. Zone agreed to investigate all ideas and report at the Fall meeting. Possibilities include appropriateness of (1) restricting entries to just EZ, (2) guaranteeing entries to EZ athletes only if received by an earlier entry deadline and then only opening up to out of zone athletes or (3) having tighter time standard for non-EZ athletes.
4. Zone was advised that Technical in response to request for clarification advised that once a swimmer goes to a national level meet that makes you ineligible for zones, an athlete cannot return to zone because their times are now slower, even though times that made them eligible a national level meet have expired.
5. Zone Eligibility – Rule changed to read “**SC and LC** - athletes 13 years of age and over who have achieved a qualifying times in an individual event for any of the above meets (see F.5d) prior to **the Monday preceding** the entry deadline for the EZ meet, may not enter and compete in an EZ AG Championship meet.” (new words highlighted) – will be effective summer 2007
6. Order of Events for 10/U Relays at LC Zones – Redefined so that 400 Free Relay is on Wed, 200 Med Relay is on Thursday, 200 Free Relay is on Friday and 400 Medley Relay is on Saturday. Objective was to make time line of various sessions more equal. No other changes in Order of Events were made.
7. Zone Eligibility – Applicability of NFT times -- Proposal to only have LCM NFT times apply for LC Zone meet and only have SCY NFT times (subsequently amended at Technical to also include SCM) apply to SC Zone meet was not recommended by Technical. EZ concurred with not accepting this proposed change..
8. Technical advised Zone that since USA Swimming would not be offering a championship meet in Spring 2009, Sectionals could no longer be a progression meet in a process to a faster meet. Therefore, Technical made Zone aware that it

- would welcome receiving bids to hold Spring Sectionals on dates later than they have historically been. Zone was also advised that since Sectional meets to be held in Spring 2008 were previously awarded, the dates of Sectionals in 2008 could no longer be changed.
9. Technical voted 6-3 to recommend to the zone that Spring North and South Sectionals be the same regarding all technical aspects of the meet (ie. Order of Events, QT's, bonus rules, etc.) This policy had been in place in the past – but had been modified in recent past based on respective needs of the North and South sectionals. Zone rejected recommendation of the Technical committee.
 10. Paris Jacobs proposal – Jacobs requested that the Zone modify its rule so that if a swimmer swims faster than the NFT time for a Zone meet (either SC or LC) on or after Monday before the meet entry deadline but prior to first day of the meet – the swimmer should be barred from those events – but could still compete in other events at the meet. The motion was defeated
 11. Jim Wood asked that the Zone consider having LC Sectionals later -- as late as 2nd week in August -- the zone was asked and agreed to do a survey to determine if practical or desirable – i.e., identify interest and support such a change would receive..
 12. Chuck Jacobs asked that the Zone allow swimmers into LC zones with SC times.—initial proposed solution was to use formal in HyTek Meet Mgr to determine equivalent times – others pointed out that this would likely make meet a lot bigger as many swimmers would have SC QT – but not LCM QT. Choice would then be to tighten LCM times to keep meet at approximately the same size – additional suggestion was then made that another alternative would be to make SCY QT a lot tougher than LCM times. That appeared to be consensus viewpoint.