

## AGE GROUP QUALIFIER and 8&UNDER MEET GUIDELINES

### Short Course

In an effort to better serve CSI clubs and swimmers regarding Age Group Qualifiers for the short course season, the following guidelines are suggested:

- All clubs hosting an invitational or championship meet must bid for a 1- or 2-day Qualifier.
- Hosting clubs may bid for any weekend day(s) of their choice; clubs are not limited to a specific weekend of the month.
- Qualifier events will be designated for Saturday and Sunday events by CSI Technical Planning, alternating the day events order each month; i.e. all weekends in November will have the same Sat. and Sun. event schedule; December will have a switched event schedule, etc.
- Host clubs may change the order of the day's events on their meet announcement, but may not change one day's events for another.
- Those clubs hosting 2-day Qualifier may choose to pull out long-distance events and hold them at a different session/day; i.e. 500 free, 400IM. However, the event(s) must be counted towards number of events for the weekend total and put in original meet announcement.
- Clubs may add events not included in other days' session; i.e. 1650 and 1000 Free, relays, etc., in original meet announcement.
- Qualifiers may be OPEN or CLOSED; OPEN meets must have a CT deadline and an OUT-OF-STATE deadline.
- All awards must be given to each age group; 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-18, regardless of combining swimmers and events.
- CSI Procedures for Cutting Over-Subscribed Meets must be followed.  
<http://www.ctswim.org/ctswim/policies/Cut%20Protocol.pdf>
- 8/U Meets should be scheduled to be run in one session. If the time line exceeds 3.5 hours the meet should be divided into two sessions, one for girls and one for boys.
- In the event of over- or under-subscription (once the entry deadline has passed and entries are in the meet database), team must contact Program Operations to adjust meet sessions or determine any appropriate cancellation. Ample notification time must be given to participating teams based on the original meet announcement.
- Entry limits for Qualifiers 4 individual events per day or 8 individual events per weekend.
- Any club inconvenienced by a session change should be refunded their splash fees.