

AG Committee Follow-Up Meeting - 10/10/25

Welcome & Season Overview

- Meeting opened with discussion of the upcoming swim season and a review of last year's results.

Time Standards & Meet Announcements

- Reviewed prior year participation, highlighting low 11–12 turnout and higher-than-usual bonus structures due to the removal of 10&U events.
- Margie appointed as Meet Referee; suggested improving the meet announcement for clarity.
- Committee agreed to finalize time standards by end of October/early November.
- Confirmed access to the full 4-day meet format for upcoming championships.

Swim Season Planning & Format

- Discussed strategies to accommodate more athletes within a 4-hour session limit.
- Considered loosening age group cuts and adjusting event format to balance participation with staffing and volunteer availability.
Reviewed summer schedule updates, including:
 - New Regional Qualifier event.
 - A Silver Championships meet with standards below Zone cut levels.
- Jeff emphasized prioritizing inclusivity while maintaining meet quality and sustainability.

Championship Meet Time Standard Adjustments

- Focus on increasing entries in 50- and 100-meter events while keeping structure manageable.
- Agreed to analyze past two years of results:
 - Top 50 times for 200s and under events.
 - Top 40 times for 500s and over events.
- Discussed potential for bonus cuts to motivate swimmers who qualify in shorter events to enter longer ones (e.g., 200s).
- Henk to pull comprehensive data to support adjustments.

Meet Structure & Cut Standards

- Agreed to maintain current format for 400 IM.
- Tentative benchmarks:
 - Cuts at the 50th ranked time for 200s.
 - Cuts at the 40th ranked time for 500+ events.
- Jen noted built-in 4-minute breaks already exist in the short course schedule.

- Recognized need to restructure distance events if Thursday sessions are implemented.

Time Standards Data & Analysis

- Will meet again review data for outliers before finalizing.
- Committee to apply the “top 40” model for **11–12s** and a similar approach for **13–14s**.
- Jeff suggested building data this year and refining standards next season.
- Leo raised concerns about winter regional meet formats; considered:
 - Reducing locations for better rest time.
 - Adjusting pool layouts or event formats instead of eliminating sites.
- Confirmed Father’s Day Regional Qualifier and Silver Championships (late July).
- Agreed to consider mixed relays for future meets.

Next Steps & Action Items

- **Henk** → Email Hank for data on top 50 (200s & under) and top 40 (500s & over) times from past two years.
- **MK** → Compile time standards data by Tuesday for committee review.
- **Committee** → Meet again next Friday at 11:00 AM to review data.
- **Committee** → Finalize time standards proposal by late October/early November for Program Ops.
- **MaryKate & Karim** → Include time standards update in next Board Officer’s Report.
- **Sarah** → Inform Jason of committee’s time standards approach.
- **Committee** → Submit finalized standards to **Program Directors for electronic approval**.