

AG Committee Meeting - 09/26

Goal: align on meet formats, time standards, and scheduling to boost participation and reduce conflicts.

- Swim Meet Format – Restructuring
 - Reviewed age-group guidelines/cuts; 11–12 bracket flagged for participation challenges.
 - Agreed to add 50 stroke events to 13–14.
 - Explored a 13-and-over championship format, using Wesleyan as a template.
 - Jen proposed a 4-day mirror of Connect Kids Seniors, reusing event orders and integrating 12U as needed; open questions on pool availability/host.

- Age Group Meet (March) – Planning
 - This year will include 10-year-olds (separated last year).
 - Separate meets were easier for coaches, but caused officiating/logistics issues and conflicts with Senior Champs.

- 2025 Champs Officiating Challenges (10&U)
 - Noted large Rapids officials' pool but they didn't win the bid.
 - Consider team convenience and a middle-ground site between Wesleyan and Central.
 - Historical note: prior 10&U sessions became marathon days.
 - Wesleyan Venue Constraints
 - Age-group separations (10U vs. 12U) likely denied; previous directive to keep together.
 - Estimated \$10k cost impact if separated.

- Schedule Architecture (March block)
 - Aim: fit 10U, 11–12, 15+ events into available slots; evaluate adding 50s strokes.
 - Need clarity on Thursday AM use at Wesleyan.
 - Review structure first; then address cuts and potential SCM additions.

- Standards & Participation (Cuts/Times)
 - Kyle: LCM cuts ≠ straight SCY conversions; based on USA Swimming data.
 - Tom: CT 11–12 cuts slightly harder than New England's.
 - Incentives for 10U 200s: recognize Top-16 at banquet, establish team records.
 - Consider USA Swimming SCM motivational times to inform conversion standards.
 - Discussed bonus time cuts within 3% of originals; must review with Hank (opposes bonus cards).

- Summer Season & Championships
 - July conflicts: Zones vs. Age Group Champs.

- Explore Regionals at Wesleyan (late July); concern it's too early for developmental swimmers and hard to staff.
- Consider a new end-of-season meet ("Connecticut Swimming Open") for non-qualifiers.
- Keep the Wesleyan weekend to maintain venue relationship.
- Next Steps / Follow-Ups
 - Follow-up meeting: Oct 10, 11:00 AM to finalize time standards for March 12–15.
 - MK / Karim: confirm feasibility of 4-day format and Wesleyan Thursday AM. Ask for 2025 results.
 - Email CT Age Group Committee for swimmers interested in joining committee
- Decisions Logged
 - Proceed with adding 50 stroke events to 13–14.
 - Maintain planning toward a 4-day structure pending venue confirmation.