

## **EASTERN ZONE REPORT**

- 2012 SC Zones will again be at Webster Aquatic Center, Rochester, and on March 29 – 31.
- 2012 Spring Southern Sectionals will be LC / LC (due to Olympic year), to tentatively be held at GMU, to be hosted by CUBU March 22 – 25. Northern Sectionals will be held in Buffalo on the same weekend. North goes north, South goes south.
- Discussion was held about reformatting SC Zones. The new format, brought forward by Virginia Swimming, would mirror Sectionals and make the meet more of a club meet environment. It would be split into 2 sections, North and South. It would have qualifying times, with LSC's still maintaining the 2 entry minimum per event. 15 – 18's would possibly be removed from the meet. The general feel of the body was not to make any changes but have further discussion.
- IMX meet is tentatively scheduled for February 3 – 5, 2012 at Takoma, same format and the addition the 15 – 16 age group.
- New regulations for Open Water competitions have been put in place following last year's tragedy. To be added to the rulebook by mid summer. There will also be an Open Water Sanctioning process and class being put together.
- Splash magazine is now offered in a digital format. First issue online to be offered in June.
- Deck Pass is a new application for swimmers where they can track their performances. This app for the Apple and Android platforms will also have the ability for customization by teams. For those who remember the old Time Standards patch system (A...AAAA) this app has comparable features.
- Clubs were encouraged to review the Athlete Protection Plan.
- In addition to existing requirements for USA membership, an education component for Athlete Protection is being created that will also be required.
- Trials tickets go on sale June 24.
- Our Eastern Zone directors had a meeting with new National Team director Frank Busch.
- Regional coaches' clinics slated for Boston and Rochester. Register early online.
- Webinars are gaining in popularity and average roughly 140 per session. Past webinars are available on USA Swimming web site.
- Make a Splash continues to register, and teach, large numbers of kids.
- PVS will be sending a coach and 2 (possibly 3) athletes to the Eastern Zone Diversity camp in Philly, June 18, 19.