

## AGE GROUP REPORT

1. As everyone knows we have eliminated the 4<sup>th</sup> site of the January Open. We are at about 12,000 splashes which is down from the 14,000 from last year. Meet sessions will be a little long but manageable. The upside of going to three sites is that we saved several thousand dollars, and have also reduced the demand for officials by about 25%. At least in theory. I'm sure we will have continued discussion on the January Open, and the Opens in general.

I have some ideas that I will present at the May Competition meeting about ways to make our Open meets more enjoyable and hopefully run with shorter timelines. At our Winter Competition meeting there were a few actions already taken to make for better Open meet atmospheres.

2. I have a draft meet announcement for a new meet to be run early Fall. While the meet may not happen I wanted to get a format out there and start some discussion / idea generating thoughts. It's meant less as a meet and more of an introduction / orientation forum with the swim meet being the venue and setting. It's for new families only with limited splashes. All parents have to be on deck, the idea being that we educate them on what goes into running a year round meet, field questions, and then invite them to sign up for upcoming clinics. Clubs with new coaches could send them to get briefed on how meets run and also how they may differ from summer league. It would also be a low key way to get our new kids competing in a very small, informal setting.
3. Even with JO cuts becoming faster a preliminary look at numbers suggests the meet will again be large. The down side is that it presents the usual meet management concerns for Paris and our Officials. The bright side is that we continue to develop quality swimmers.

I've attached the draft meet sheet for the meet mentioned above. Feel free to send me any ideas.

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