

## AGE GROUP

As of the weekend of February 1 – 3, we have 1223 athletes qualified in 6892 splashes. The excess cuts are at 2042, which leaves us with an entry count of 4850 splashes. We have several February qualifier meets remaining which give us another several hundred cuts. Of those cuts, how many are new cuts? How many of the new cuts will merely be swapped for other cuts a swimmer may have already had?

With regards to deck space, Carrie says MD can hold 1500 on the deck, so we are more than OK. My sense is we will wind up with somewhere around 4900 – 5200 splashes. MD can handle it and we have room for growth.

We will be returning to our traditional format of 2 prelim sessions, and 10 and unders in the afternoon. Projecting from last year's numbers and an estimated increase of 10% our timelines for the 11 – 14 year old sessions are easily within 4 hours. The 10 and under sessions, combined, would be approximately 2 hours each day.

With the adjustments made to the meet, several things have changed for the better and help address many concerns of parents and officials

- 1) The morning sessions start warm up at 7:00 am instead of 6:30 am.
- 2) Combined 10 and under session alleviates the heavier officials need on what is traditionally our least 'certified' age group.
- 3) There should be roughly 60 – 90 minutes between the end of prelims and the start of Finals warm ups.
- 4) Meet management has a little more time to reproduce programs for Finals.
- 5) Returning to a combined 11 – 14 session should allow for a little more rest for both age groups.

Having said all this, should we have a tsunami of cuts this month and we end up with 5600 splashes, all bets are off.

Have had questions on JO's, cuts, and formats from a few coaches, and while they have been answered what makes me wonder is this.

- a) Is there a clear purpose and understanding of the role of PVS in running JO's?
- b) Do we need to better educate the membership that as the LSC grows, the percentage of athletes qualifying for Champs meets will naturally go down?
- c) Does membership understand that PVS is not charged with ensuring all athletes qualify for a Championship meet, but rather...

**1.2 OBJECTIVES** - Potomac Valley Swimming (PVS) shall promote swimming and foster equal access for competitive opportunities for the benefit of swimmers of all ages and abilities, in accordance with the standards, rule, regulations, policies and procedures of the Federation Internationale de Nation Amateur (FINA), USA Swimming (USA-S) and PVS and its Articles of Incorporation. The objectives and primary purpose of PVS shall be the education and assurance of instruction and training of individuals to develop and improve their capabilities in the sport of swimming.

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