

Junior Olympics Short Course 2012 Proposal

Limitations/ Concerns of current JO set up

- Too many swimmers
- Finals too long & runs too late
- Prelims too early (13-14)
- 10 & unders reaching the top age group meet
- Too short between events split with single ages & genders
- Non standard number of events (6)
- Stretching limits of officials
- Zones does not have finals for 10 & unders

Objective of JO Proposals

- To provide top level competition opportunity with excitement and achievement as priorities
- To promote long term swimming objectives & retention in sport
- To provide a safe environment

Should not be priorities of LSC Championship meets

- Money
- Maximizing pool rental
- Emphasis on “developmental” 10 & unders at LSC champ level

Issues & Limitations

- Sites capable of running two pools
- Deck space (or access to a crash area and cool down space)
- Time & Dates

Proposal #1

Time Standards for JO's adjusted to top 32 place finisher from the past three years +/- .09

Standards are finalized & posted no later than September 1 prior to the JO meet. No standards will get slower; if top 32 are not faster over the three year period.

Proposal #2

Eliminate the 10 & unders from the JO meet and create a separate 10 & under championship meet the first weekend of March with standards that reflect the top 40 from the past three years. The meet would be timed finals and run on just Saturday & Sunday.

(Alternate Proposal #2)

Keep 10 & unders in session following prelims of 11-14 year old JOs; however tighten the standards considerably (top 24 from previous three years); limit relays to two per team. Timed Finals Competition (note at Zone level no finals for 10 & under events).

Proposal #3

Sessions

11-12 girls and 13-14 boys in pool #1 (~250 swimmers)

11-12 boys and 13-14 girls in pool #2 (~250 swimmers)

2 sessions warm ups 7:00-7:40 & 7:40-8:50am

Prelims start 9:00am (goal <3 ½ hour session)

Finals warm ups 4:45-5:45pm start 6:00pm (2 heats each event)

Proposal #4

Limit relays to two per team

Proposal #5

Increase meet entry fees to accommodate loss of revenue for numbers decrease

\$10 surcharge

\$6 per i.e.

Proposal #6

Increase participation to 7 events for weekend; max 3 per day (standard for 3 ½ day meet)

Senior Champ Proposals

Proposal #1

Prelims open warm ups 7:00 am

Prelims start 9:00 am

Senior & Junior SC Championships (including summer LC Sr Champs 2011)

Proposal #2

Time standards for Senior & Junior Champs must be posted and confirmed by September 1 prior to meets or prior year standards will be carried over.

Proposal #3

Senior Champs (Starting Summer 2011)

At the short course senior championships from a sample of events there were up to five swimmers that were no shows and seeded in the circle seeded heats creating gaps in the competition field and preventing slower swimmers opportunities to swim in the open circle seeded heats.

Conform to the prelim scratch rules to reflect USA Swimming Championship Procedures:

207.12.6 Scratch Procedures

- A. Swimmers may scratch from an event in which they are entered by following the procedures set forth in the meet announcement.
- B. The scratch deadline for the first day's events shall be fifteen (15) minutes after the general meeting is adjourned. The scratch deadline for all subsequent days' events shall be thirty (30) minutes after the time established for the start of the finals sessions
- C. In all events where preliminary heats are necessary, after the heats have been seeded, any swimmer who fails to compete in an individual event heat in which such swimmer entered and has not been scratched in accordance with sub-paragraphs A and B above will be barred from all further individual and relay events of that day. The application of this penalty shall pertain to the order in which the event/heats are swum, not the numerical order of the events. Additionally that swimmer shall not be seeded in any individual events on succeeding days unless that swimmer declares an intent to swim prior to the close of the scratch box for that day's events.