

Meet Order or Meet Schedule

Starting with the last week in February as a last chance qualifier for championship meets open to all.

Then the championship meet schedule would look like this

1. Senior Age group Champs 13 and over March 9th 3 1/2 day meet
2. Junior Age group champs 12 and under March 16th 3 1/2 day meet
3. A/BB champs March 24th 3 day meet
4. B/C champs March 31st 2 ½ days

Reason behind the change in meet order.

1. To remove our championship meet schedule out of the high school season making the senior meet first will give those high school kids a chance than to have a season ending meet. With both A/BB and B/C falling on High school states weekends this has limited that level kid from having a championship meet with there club teams. This will also enable those coaches that coach both club and high school to be on deck for those championship meets with there club teams.
2. To have the whole team in the water to the end of the short course season. To often the majority of our team has finished early because they do not have a meet for them to swim in after February. With moving A/BB and B/C back this will keep that level swimmer focus and training until the end of the season and the team swimming as one.
3. To give coaches time to prepare their kids for the meet that best fits them. With more and more of our top 13-14, especially on the female side, going to sectional and JR this will enable those coaches to prepare them for those meets. Also with many of our senior programs having those 13-14 swimming in the groups with our 15 and older this will put them on the same taper pattern and hopefully a better training cycle for those groups.
4. Elimating the overcrowded and lengthy session at Age groups with the removal of the 13-14 at the current age group meet. This will allow AGC to return to a one session prelim meet. Also, shorter and less crowded warm-ups. Also, will return to 10 and under to be able to swim in front of their team mates.

Format of the meets themselves.

Senior Age group-

1. Event order to stay the same
2. Number of total swimmers to remain around 450 swimmers in the meet.
3. Cuts for 13-14 to stay the same at a 5 year average of 40th PI time.
4. Cuts for 15-16 to be tighten up to 40th place on entry time over a five year average and to remain the same for four years and not to change from year to year. With the current number of 13-14 already competing in senior champs around 70 swimmers and with the tighter standard removing close to 250 swimmers from the meet. This will keep the numbers around 450 swimmers.
5. Finals to bring back top 16 13-14 and top 16 15 and over or open
6. Relays fastest heat of 13-14 and two fastest heats of open
7. open seniors will be scored for senior champion and 13-14 will go to the age group meet.

Junior Age Group-

1. event order to stay the same
2. Number of swimmer reduce by 240 plus swimmers in the 13-14 age group to allow more 11-12 and 10 unders to qualify for the meet.
3. Cuts to be loosen as we don't run an average of 40 swimmers per event. The current numbers for the 11-12 girls is running at 39 swimmers per event. The 11-12 boys are currently running at 28 swimmers per event. The standards 4 years ago were AA times for this age group. With the change over to 40th place the times to qualify for this meet in the 11-12 age group has not gotten faster but slower. By increasing the number of swimmers in this age this will hopefully push the

swimmers to swim faster at the meet. Also not adjusting the time from year to year by every 4 years will eventually make the Qualifying times to get faster and develop our swimming on all levels.

4. One session prelims with everyone getting the afternoon off
5. To highlight the things that make this meet great for these ages.
6. Finals to have the option of bring 10 and unders back to finals. Although not recommended.
7. Have the option of bringing back top 16 11 and 16 12 year olds
8. keep it the same and bring back top 16 11-12 and present medals to them in between events as this age group still like this type of recognition

A/BB make no changes to this meet as it is

B/C only change would be to award medals or ribbons as 12 and unders as single age groups

Thanks for your time
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