

Fall 2010 Sr Committee Report

Present: George Massey, Scott Baldwin, Nate Boyle, Josh Graham, Dave Henderson, Bob Herlinger, TJ Liston, Pete Maloney, Ted Sallade, Brent St.Pierre

2010-11 Senior Champs

- Short course venue – Freedom Center, Manassas.
- Long course venue – pursuing TAC, Cary, NC as primary option.
- For SC meet, run the meet (prelims and finals) in ten lanes. This means top 30 make finals and meet is scored to the 20th place.
- Time standards – 200's and below are the same as last year.
- Faster standards for 400 IM, 500 free, 1000 free, 1650 free. See attachment
- One bonus event for 200's and below. Must meet bonus time standard. See attachment. This is for the short course meet only. A decision on the long meet will be decided in the spring of 2011 after reviewing the results of short course Senior Champs.
- Adding the ready room and walkout of athletes for the fastest heat of finals. Fastest heat will not be called until all swimmers are present in the ready room. Noted that meet organizers need to do a better job of putting this 'show' on. (*Athletes Committee separately voiced their support for this*)
- Adding the presentation of awards for the top three immediately after the race as finished. Swimmers get out of the water, go immediately to the presentation area, awards are announced. Unless there is a need to make an administrative change to the times this process should take only 2-3 minutes. Discussion on this issue centered around the purpose of having the awards ceremony. It was acknowledged that the majority of the athletes who place top three are not necessarily excited about such a presentation since for them this meet is considering a training meet, they are moving onto another higher level championship meet. There are other swimmers competing in Sr Champs for whom seeing the awards presentation might be an incentive to swim faster to make it to the podium. It was also acknowledge that this type of ceremony was usually well received by the parents/spectators. As with the ready room and walk out of the swimmers, the meet organizers must do a better job of putting the 'show' on and also make the award's presentation occur promptly.
- Allow swimmers to enter the 1000/800 and 1650/1500 with either their fastest time or the meet qualifying time. This follows the protocol used at Nationals.
- Changes discussed but **NOT** made:
 - Changing entry restrictions from 3 events a day, 6 total events for the meet to 3 events a day, 10 events for the meet. This would allow coaches the maximum flexibility to determine the appropriate amount of events for their swimmers. Members very much supported this idea however ultimately the Committee decided not to go this route because of the potential increase in the number of entries that would be added on top of the bonus event already be added. Discussion again in the spring of 2011 after SC Sr Champs.
 - Changing the order of the 1650's and 1000's. Committee evenly divided among the three proposals: 1. Stay as is. 2. Move 1000's to Thursday, 1650's to Sunday. 3. W 1000/M 1650 on Thursday night and W 1650/M 1000 on Sunday one year and then reverse it the next year.
 - Discussed allowing swimmers to qualify for the 1650/1500 by using the both the 1650/1500 AND the 1000/800 time standards. Thought was that these distance events are not offered on a consistent basis therefore. Members liked the idea as the opportunity to swim the 1650 during the season is limited. However, with the current

time standards this would allow approximately 15-20 new 1500/1650 qualifiers overloading this particular event. We would need to significantly cut the 800/1000 time standard to make this happen.