

Technical Planning Committee

1. 2013-2014 Schedule with bids has been accepted by the committee. We will continue to accept bids. Open items for the schedule are as follows:
 - We have bids for 3 of the 4 district champs, bids for each region champs, a bid for SC Age Group Champs, and a bid for LC Senior Champs. Both Region Summer Awards have bids. So far there are no competing bids.
 - Most bids have been accompanied with a draft meet announcement. Our objective is to post as many draft meet announcements with the new meet webpage for 2013-2014 as possible.
2. Age Group Committee developed and published time standards for LC Age Group Champs.
3. Meet announcement templates for Summer Awards along with team assignments and LC Age Group Champs will be released by May 15th.
4. The following is a breakdown of swimmers and splashes at each district and region championship meet:
 - District Champs (2012 numbers in parenthesis):
 - North District: 549 (529) Swimmers; 3302 (2359) Splashes; 166 (77) Relays
 - Central District: 812 (750) Swimmers; 5675 (3630) Splashes; 183 (140) Relays
 - Southeast District: 532 (393) Swimmers; 3177 (2237) Splashes; 128 (76) Relays
 - Southwest District: 423 (361) Swimmers; 2936 (1803) Splashes; 114 (58) Relays
 - Region Champs (2012 numbers in parenthesis):
 - Tidewater Region: 408 (698) Swimmers; 2818 (4097) Splashes; 198 (277) Relays
 - Blue Ridge Region: 355 (540) Swimmers; 2196 (3185) Splashes; 107 (171) Relays
 - Northern Virginia Region: 415 (707) Swimmers; 2513 (3857) Splashes; 163 (231) Relays
 - The new format provided the increase in participation at the district champs level and reduction in participation at the region champs level.
 - Total participation at district champs was up 14% and the number of splashes increased by 50%. Previously the trend was reductions of 5%, 6%, and 11%, respectively, for the last three years.
 - Total participation at region champs was down by 39% and the number of splashes was reduced by 48%. The last two years the participation levels reduced by 3% and 5%. Prior to those years we experienced an 11% in participation. Unfortunately the prelim sessions were extremely long.
 - Major concerns were expressed about scoring district and region champs. Scoring had to be done manually for region champs.
 - Many teams reported a lack of atmosphere with the new format and lamented the reduction in opportunity for swimmers to advance.
 - Overall the new format had mixed appeal, with an equal number of likes and dislikes. Most issues can be resolved with adjustments.

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