

Age Group Chair Report
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1. Convention Items:

a. Eastern Zone Meeting

New order of events for SC Zones were presented and passed

On Day 1. the fastest heat of the 13-14 boys and girls 1000 free will be the FIRST event of the day.

The fastest heat of the men's and women's 1000 free will be the LAST event before the relays

On Day 3. the fastest heat of the 13-14 boys and girls 1650 free will be the FIRST event of the day.

The fastest heat of the men's and women's 1650 free will be the LAST event before the relays

b. Sectionals:

When bonus events are offered at any LC/SC sectional meet, minimum qualifying times will apply. Minimum Qualifying times will be set by the Zone.

c. Addition of 1 boy and 1 girl per event for all 11-12 and 9-10 events passed

d. Modifying the 15-18 age group to 15-16 failed. Age group will remain 15-18 and will remain this way for at least 2 years.

e. Addition of a new Senior meet that must take place in August (15& Overs only) was approved. Qualifying Times will be set by the Zone. Eastern Zone will host this meet in 2010, not 2009 as our Sectional meet was moved to August for this same reason.

2. Age Group Issues

a. USA Swimming bans the use of the Speed Suits. Hot topic of Convention

b. IMX Extreme Meet still moving forward. It will be held fall of 2009 in December. Location TBD.

c. Some changes to the USA National Jr. Team were discussed.

d. Open Water updates

1. There will be 2 World Cup Open Water meets held in the US next summer.

2. There will be Open Water World Champs every year in the summer 6 swimmers will be selected to the USA National Open Water Team every year.

3. USA Swimming would like to see minimum of 1 OW race in each LSC per season
4. P.O.W. swims – Pool Open water events
5. 2007-2008 Age Group Top 10 preview list has been sent to tabulators. Final official list will be posted to USA Swimming web site near the end of October.
6. Time standards have been released for the following meets:
 - a. PVS 14 & Under JO's.
 - b. 2009 Conoco Phillips National Championships
 - c. 2009 LC Jr National Championships
 - d. 2009 US Open Championships

I attended a 2 part 2 day Age Group Chairs workshop at convention and discussed Open water swimming in the LSC's, Camps and coaches clinics. Comparisons were done between LSC thru breakout groups of similar sized LSC's to see what LSC's are doing in these areas. Good information and idea exchange took place.