

AGE GROUP REPORT

JO entries are now in and we are about 5% smaller in athlete count and entry splash totals. The sessions are very reasonable and could be combined and give everyone a little break. The problem, however, is the athlete count on deck if we attempt to combine sessions. As many are aware there was some good discussion on the direction of our JO program. The bottom line continues to be the same. Build it and they will come. We have a great meet and regardless of the cuts our athletes step up each season. Maryland gives us lots of options next year regarding session assignment but with a combined session we start nearing the 4 hour rule. This idea that Maryland solves all our concerns is simply not true.

It will be interesting to see the final splash count on qualified athletes through the end of February. I think we are at a 25% drop off from qualified swims to actual splash count. Should we have a surge in registrations post London, we will have to consider our present JO format. 18 & Under Champs has become more of a qualifier meet at this point and should be re evaluated.

A short meeting was held between Dave Greene, Riley, John Ertter, Bill Marlin and Manga. The issue of overall Zone budget was addressed and how we can best keep the numbers within the budget.

Dave requested an additional Zone spot and received approval from the Zone meet director. Becca Broft will be added to the staff roster.

JO Meet Records are almost complete and will be sent to Paris in a MM format. A copy will also be sent to the JO committee to see if anything stands out.

No applications have been received as yet for Coach of the Year. An application will be given to Terri ASAP for posting.

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