

**EASTERN ZONE SWIMMING  
TECHNICAL PLANNING MEETING**

Sunday, May 13, 2018  
Fort Myers Beach, Florida

**AGENDA**

Please forward agenda items to [Jerry@schenectadyswimclub.org](mailto:Jerry@schenectadyswimclub.org) no later than Friday, May 11, 2018. Final Agenda will be posted on the EZ website by Saturday, May 12.

1. Call to order
2. Additions to agenda
3. Reading, correction and adoption of minutes – **posted on line**
4. Reports of 2018 EZ Winter Championship Meet Hosts
  - i) South Region Sectional SCY Meet
  - ii) North Region Sectional SCY Meet
  - iii) Super Sectional LCM Meet
  - iv) Winter Age Group Zone Champs
5. 2018 Summer Age Group Champs Standards (already posted)
6. Discussion of Short Course Age Group Zone Championships. (data attached)
7. Discussion/Proposal from Syracuse Chargers on Spring Sectional Meets.(attached)
8. Additions to the Agenda
9. Schedule next meeting – USAS Convention 2016
10. Adjournment

## **Eastern Zone SC Age Group Championship Meet;**

In year 1 of the new format, we obviously ran into many challenges. The biggest issue was the over-subscription of the meet, and having to turn teams and athletes away. I think it's important to come up with a set of qualifying times that would not necessitate closing of the meet before the qualifying period ends.

So, we'll have to ask the following questions (at least):

### **1 What is our target athlete number?**

- This year, we targeted - and laid out - a cut-off of 600 11 & over athletes. We ended up taking over 700, and having to change the format of the meet.

### **2 What would be our target breakdown of age groups?**

- Please see the attached report that breaks down participation of the 2018 EZ winter championship meets by age group. That report also breaks down the previous 3 SC Age-group
- What other information might we need in order to discuss the future of the meet?

Are there other considerations/discussion for modifying the meet?

**2018 Eastern Zone SC Age Group Championship Meet:**

**Announced:**

- **Limit of 600 11-Over athletes**
  - We had 702 athletes
- **Limit of 275 10-Under athletes**
  - We had 226 athletes
- **Prelims Sessions: 11-Over girls and boys am sessions, 10-Under pm session**
  - We had am 11-Over girls, mid-day 11-Over boys, 10-Under pm sessions
- **One 10-lane course for Prelims and Finals; Possible 8 lane Girls/6 lane Boys set-up**
  - We had 1 x 10-lane course set-up

**2018 Eastern Zone athlete representation at 2018 Eastern Zone SC Meets:**

| <b>Meet</b>                   | <b>10-Under</b>   | <b>11-12</b>  | <b>13-14</b>  | <b>15-over</b>   |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| Age Group Zones               | 226 swimmers<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 108 boys</li> <li>• 118 girls</li> </ul> | 282 swimmers<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 124 boys</li> <li>• 158 girls</li> </ul> | 190 swimmers<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 66 boys</li> <li>• 124 girls</li> </ul>  | 230 swimmers<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 106 boys</li> <li>• 124 girls</li> </ul>  |
| SC Speedos<br>North (Ithaca)  |   | 7 swimmers<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 girls</li> </ul>                         | 95 swimmers<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25 boys</li> <li>• 70 girls</li> </ul>    | 590 swimmers<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 329 boys</li> <li>• 2261 girls</li> </ul> |
| SC Speedos<br>South (VA Tech) |   | 2 swimmers<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 girls</li> </ul>                         | 68 swimmers<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19 boys</li> <li>• 49 girls</li> </ul>    | 471 swimmers<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 253 boys</li> <li>• 218 girls</li> </ul>  |
| LC Speedos<br>(Buffalo)       |   | 3 swimmers<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 girls</li> </ul>                         | 50 swimmers<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18 boys</li> <li>• 33 girls</li> </ul>    | 292 swimmers<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 142 boys</li> <li>• 150 girls</li> </ul>  |
| Total Swimmers                | 226 swimmers<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 108 boys</li> <li>• 118 girls</li> </ul> | 294 swimmers<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 124 boys</li> <li>• 170 girls</li> </ul> | 403 swimmers<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 128 boys</li> <li>• 276 girls</li> </ul> | 1583 swimmers<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 830 boys</li> <li>• 753 girls</li> </ul> |

**Eastern Zone SC Age Group Championship participation 2015-17 by age:**

| <b>Year (Total Athletes)</b> | <b>10-Under</b>   | <b>11-12</b>  | <b>13-14</b>  | <b>15-18</b>  |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| <b># 11-Over swimmers</b>    |   |   |   |   |
| 2017 (583)<br>447 11-Overs   | 136 swimmers<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 67 boys</li> <li>• 69 girls</li> </ul> | 187 swimmers<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 89 boys</li> <li>• 98 girls</li> </ul>   | 150 swimmers<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 70 boys</li> <li>• 80 girls</li> </ul> | 110 swimmers<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 52 boys</li> <li>• 48 girls</li> </ul> |
| 2016 (704)<br>520 11-Overs   | 180 swimmers<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 81 boys</li> <li>• 99 girls</li> </ul> | 242 swimmers<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 111 boys</li> <li>• 131 girls</li> </ul> | 168 swimmers<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 77 boys</li> <li>• 91 girls</li> </ul> | 114 swimmers<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 53 boys</li> <li>• 61 girls</li> </ul> |
| 2015 (693)<br>511 11-Overs   | 183 swimmers<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 88 boys</li> <li>• 95 girls</li> </ul> | 234 swimmers<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 110 boys</li> <li>• 124 girls</li> </ul> | 161 swimmers<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 71 boys</li> <li>• 90 girls</li> </ul> | 115 swimmers<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 60 boys</li> <li>• 55 girls</li> </ul> |

EZ Short Course Speedo Sectionals Items for TP Committee  
12 May 2018  
Ft. Myers, FL

Presented by Syracuse Chargers.

Eastern Zone Technical Planning Committee:

As hosts of the meet, we encourage our attendees to provide feedback to make the meet better for all swimmers, teams and parents. The following items were discussed at the meet this year and we told our attendees we would forward to this committee.

There are 4 items:

1. End time of Finals
  - A. "D" Finals adds about 25% to the finals session length
  - B. All Agree earlier finish is better
  - C. Awards when "D" heat occurs
2. Change Event/Day Order
3. Solve Sunday rush to leave problem
4. Increase Time Trials for all swimmers

### **Item 1: Finals Session Length**

This year, with the new 18 & Under Only D Final, we had an increase in our finals time line. As hosts, we like the additional swimmers at finals and the D heat is just as important to those swimmers as the C or

B. We will anticipate a D final annually and will review our prelim and final session start times to help people leave earlier.

There are other options the TP committee can instruct us to do that will trigger an earlier finish time. We bring forth the following options:

1. All 800 FR are competed on Thursday.
  - a. Allowing additional event order changes on the days to allow for better time management.
2. Only 1 Relay Heat at Finals (top 8 or 9 teams)
3. If D Final is triggered, finals automatically start 30-60 mins earlier to accommodate the additional heats.

### **Item 2: Event or Day Changes**

We agree that the format and event line up should be reviewed and potentially adjusted to control time line length. We (SYCH) are proposing a taskforce be made to review and generate potential ideas for change for the House of Delegates in September. We are willing to chair this task force. \*\*See note below on possible format changes.

### **Item 3: Solve/Address the Sunday Rush to Leave**

Our main question for this committee is what is the recommended time between the end of prelims and the start of finals?

Our teams who stay for Finals on Sunday do not believe there is any reason to change the timeline for that session.

#### **Item 4: Time Trials**

We are asked every year about adding a third time trial option for the swimmers at the meet. We make the following motion:

“At Eastern Zone Sectional Meets (and Eastern Zone Long Course Senior Championships), all athletes are eligible to compete in up to three time trials, depending on eligibility rules of the meet.”

\*\*Attached is an idea for a new order of events at sectionals. The following are the major proposed changes:

- Move the 800 free relay to Thursday,
- Move the 200 Medley relay and 100 Back to Friday
- Move the 1650 Free to Saturday afternoon with 1 heat in finals.

Attached are session reports showing what the meet would look like with these changes. The reports show 1 relay swimming at finals which would be 32-36 athletes swimming in finals same as the number of athletes swimming in finals for individual events. Its a 10-15 minutes swing on each session depending on day if you do 1 or 2 relays in finals.

I kept the same timeline we used this past year which did have awards built in when your looking at the timelines. That more work to remove and wanted to directly compare to what happened this year.

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