

AGE GROUP  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE

# Development Competition Program

# Program Goals

## Rebuild

Rebuild the base by bringing in and retaining new families

## Options

Provide more options for teams with new meet structures

## Focus

Focus on development of younger athletes

# Development Competition Description

**Similar to a summer league competition format**, we will have three, 10-week sessions a year

- ▶ Sessions are limited to **2 hours**
- ▶ Only includes **12 and under** USA swimmers
- ▶ Designed to be inviting to a younger base of swimmers and flexible for new families

# Meet Description

- ▶ Can include any combination of shorter events
- ▶ Creates a focus on development of new, young athletes
- ▶ Clubs may mix and match events to fit the schedule and timeline they desire

## Events

- 25, 50, 100 Freestyle
- 25, 50 Backstroke
- 25, 50 Breaststroke
- 25, 50 Butterfly
- 100 Individual Medley
- 100, 200 Freestyle Relay
- 100, 200 Medley Relay
- 100, 200 Mixed Freestyle Relay
- 100, 200 Mixed Medley Relay

# Program Benefits

<b>Rebuild</b> the Base	<p>Program is a more fun, less time consuming, and appealing format of meets for new swimmers and families.</p> <p>Actively engaging developmental swimmers who will continue through the sport.</p>
Provide More Meet <b>Options</b>	<p>Provide more options for teams with new meet structures</p> <p>More options for swimmer of different levels - Gives younger swimmers their own competition schedule with a lower cost for the families</p>
Development <b>Focus</b>	<p>Meets are tailored to their needs and skill sets</p> <p>Creates an easy transitional stage for new families</p>

# What are we voting on?

<b>R-5</b>	<b>"To specify the events to be contested in Developmental competitions."</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Creates the "Developmental competition" category within the meet structure section of the bylaws of USA Swimming.</li><li>-Also specifies what events can be swum in Developmental competitions.</li></ul>
<b>R-7</b>	<b>"To specify the minimum number of officials required for development competitions is the same as that of dual and intra-squad meets."</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Sets the # of officials needed for developmental competition, same # as used during dual and intra-squad meets.</li><li>-Minor change</li></ul>
<b>R-13</b>	<b>"To specify Development Competition program as part of the Age Group Program."</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- This establishes the main "rules" of the developmental competition program as discussed earlier. (2-hour timeline, 12&amp;U format, 10 week sessions, etc.)</li><li>-R-13 IS the developmental competition program.</li></ul>



Questions?