

Age Group Committee Agenda – October 1, 2006 – 9:30 am – Richmond, VA

1. The championship committee requested that short course age group champs be run in two courses. Hargrave received the bid this year to be able to do this. With the meet in two courses, how should the meet be run? Specifically:
 - a. How should the courses be split? I would imagine that the best way to do this would be by sex, but are there any other possibilities?
 - b. How, or should, we award the 10 and younger events? Our goal with the past format was to make the meet special for the 10 and younger age groups with the award ceremonies (and to lengthen their session). Is this possible, or desirable, with the older swimmers in the same session?
 - c. Should we use two courses for Thursday night distance events?
 - d. Should we keep the 800 free Sunday where it is now (backing up to finals warm-ups) or should we run it immediately after the prelim session?
2. Summer Awards: Is the format of this meet working? Is there a different format that will be an improvement, and will meet the championship needs of swimmers not attending Age Group or Senior champs?
3. There has been a request from technical planning that our time standards for Age Group Champs be the same for long course as they are for short course. Do we want to change the way we currently arrive at these standards? Also, there has been a request that for non-conforming courses the time standards end in 9, instead of the actual conversion. Should we make these changes? If we make the standards the same, do we aim for a larger meet in the winter or a smaller meet in the summer?
4. Time trials at Summer Awards. Time trials were offered this year at Summer Awards, and were abused by teams. Time trials obviously have a use at the highest level meets, for to compete in them you have to be at least as fast as the entry times for the meet, but are problematic for meets with a top qualifying time. Is offering time trials at this meet needed or desired (see also discussion of number 2 in the agenda).
5. As USA Swimming is pushing the IMX scores, do we as a committee want to develop a season award based on the IMX scores? What other awards and recognition is available and desirable for our swimmers?
6. Any other items that need to be addressed.