

Convention Report

Open water

As all of you must know by now, next year will bring the realization of our collective dream to have an open water swimming event in the Olympic Games. Beijing 2008 will host the inaugural 10K Olympic Marathon Swims on August 20th and 21st, 2008. The road to Beijing for USA Olympic Marathon Swim hopefuls runs through Fort Myers, Florida as USA Swimming hosts the 10K World Championship Trials on the weekend of October 19-21, 2007. The top two males and females will advance to the FINA World Championships in April of 2008 where the International Olympic selection process initiates. We are looking at some outstanding talent in both our women's races.

Letter addressed to Dianne Limerick, open water chairman

In commemoration of your commitment to open water swimming and your past accomplishments as a National Team member, USA Swimming cordially invites you to join us in Fort Myers for a special recognition celebration and alumni reunion. **We will host a reception at Miromar Lakes Beach Clubhouse on Saturday evening October 20, 2007 from 6pm-9pm.** This is an opportunity for USA Swimming to acknowledge your efforts as a contributor to our National Team effort and for you to catch up with some old friends.

Scholastic All American

The Scholastic All American committee reported that there was an increased in applications this year. North Carolina had the most applications, followed by California and Virginia.

Concerns:

- 1 Sectionals have different time standards causing difficulty for some swimmers to make the swimming standard.
2. Coaches feel it is unfair; they would like to see a set time standard not a meet qualification.
3. Discussion will continue at the Times meeting.
4. Qualifying times will be decided by the committee during a conference call Oct 10.
5. Waivers maybe given for illness, injuries etc