

Technical Planning Committee

1. The LC Season schedule has been difficult this year. What started out as a promising schedule was disrupted by the cancellation of the RAYS meet in May and the confusion over the dates and venues for LC Senior Champs and LC Age Group Champs.
 - In previous years both championship meets were forecasted as this year and venues secured long before the start of the season.
 - Last year's early season change of the dates for these two meets due to venue availability caused reservations for venues to be made on the wrong weekend despite the schedule being already approved and published.
2. Team assignments for the Commonwealth Games have been made but we are delaying their release pending the HOD meeting and a request for teams to submit any preferences they may have for which portion of the meet they would like to be assigned, either Friday-Saturday or Sunday-Monday.
3. The issue of when and where our LC Championship meets will be held has been largely resolved. We have a host for Age Group Champs and Senior Champs. The host teams and venues have been approved by the Age Group Committee, the Senior Committee, and the Championship Meet Committee.
 - LC Age Group Champs has been changed from the schedule date of July 26-29 to July 19-22. This championship meet will be held at Midtown Aquatic Center and hosted by CGBD.
 - LC Senior Champs has been changed from the schedule date of July 19-22 to July 26-29. This championship meet will be held at the GMU-Patriot Center in Fairfax, VA and hosted by RAYS.
 - CGBD dropped its bid to host the regional summer awards in order to host age group champs. The venue which age group champs is to be held would not allow meets on back-to-back weekends. This forced an either or situation.
 - We do have one team that is interested in potentially hosting summer awards in the Tidewater Region. This team is currently investigating venue availability.
4. The 2007-2008 schedule template has been posted to the VSI website. Bids are currently being solicited and the template is being updated as new bids come in. We are requesting all bids be into the Technical Planning Chair by May 15th and the final schedule to be published by May 20th.
 - We followed the 2006-2007 schedule template as a model for the coming year.
 - The 12&Y Meets have been classified as Age Group Meets for 14&Y swimmers. This was a suggestion made by several host teams and provides greater

opportunities for the 13-14 swimmers since in some District's meets were not always available for the 13&O swimmer.

- Another adjustment was the 13&O Meets have been classified as Senior Meets for 13&O swimmers. These senior meets will be LSC wide and it is our hope that we will have one senior meet in each district for our older swimmers. Given the poor participation at the 13&O Meets last year the only way to for these meets to be feasible for teams to host and keep them competitive is to expand the eligibility to include the entire LSC and allow host teams to invite out-of-LSC teams as space is available.
 - The adjustments to the schedule template were coordinated with the age group committee and the senior committee.
5. Teams hosting district meets will be encouraged to host meets that meet their specific district needs. Likewise the format for these meets will be flexible to allow for greater creativity for the host teams to craft an order of events to entice greater participation. We will continue to schedule meets for all levels except during the mid-season championship format meets and championship season meets.

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