

Technical Planning Committee

1. There are a couple changes to the 2008-2009 calendar.
 - SEVA is hosting a LC Head Start meet on March 28-29 at MAC.
 - RAYS is hosting an Open Water Event the end of May
 - ODAC has moved its Ocean Swim to the following weekend.
 - OBX will be hosting a LC Invitational meet in early June
 - CGBD will be hosting a prelim/final LC Invitational the end of June
2. CGBD has submitted a bid to host LC Age Group Champs at MAC on July 20-August 2 (the scheduled weekend). We have no other bids.
3. Team assignments for the summer awards have been posted to the VSI website.
4. 2009-2010 Schedule template has been posted to the VSI website. We will accept bids immediately for the upcoming year through April 6th. Our objective is to present the 2008-2009 schedule at the April HOD and board meeting.
5. District Champs and Region Champs have been completed. The biggest issue reported was the suitability of the Regency Park facility for a championship meet. There was some confusion at the TW Region champs about relay eligibility.
6. The following is a breakdown of swimmers and splashes at each district and region championship meet:
 - District Champs (2008 numbers in parenthesis):
 - North District: 724 (661) Swimmers; 3242 (2934) Splashes; 159 (140) Relays
 - Central District: 809 (716) Swimmers; 3830 (3462) Splashes; 179 (150) Relays
 - Southeast District: 603 (533) Swimmers; 2889 (2649) Splashes; 129 (118) Relays
 - Southwest District: 442 (380) Swimmers; 2186 (1909) Splashes; 78 (74) Relays
 - Region Champs (2008 numbers in parenthesis):
 - Tidewater Region: 638 (608) Swimmers; 3647 (3358) Splashes; 233 (196) Relays
 - Blue Ridge Region: 574 (642) Swimmers; 3192 (3604) Splashes; 181 (190) Relays
 - Northern Virginia Region: 677 (754) Swimmers; 3597 (3952) Splashes; 194 (211) Relays

- As reported previously, we should continue to monitor the numbers for each of these championship meets.
 - Total participation at district champs was up about 12% (288 swimmers; 1193 splashes; 63 relays).
 - Total participation at region champs was down about 3% (115 swimmers; 478 splashes; up 11 relays).
 - Meets held just prior to the district champs do not seem to affect participation at district champs as much as qualifying times do
 - As we make the qualifying times for age group champs and senior champs higher it increases the athlete pool for region champs.
 - Should we consider a separate 8&U Awards Meet to reduce numbers at the District Champs?

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