

## Technical Planning Committee

1. The 2009-2010 calendar updates:
  - VSI SC Age Group Champs will be at the Freedom Center hosted by Sharks Swim Team. The meet will be using dual courses as we have the last two years. However, the 10&Y swimmers will be in their own session at the behest of Freedom Center management to help control the number of participants and spectators in the facility.
  - VSI SC Senior Champs has been moved to the March 4-7 weekend (first weekend of March) and the RAYS have agreed to host this championship meet at the UVA Aquatic and Fitness Center.
2. The templates for the meet announcements for district champs and region champs will be posted to the VSI website and sent to the host teams' point of contact this week.
3. Meet announcements for Age Group Champs and Senior Champs will be in the works these next two weeks. Our goal is to have them both released by mid-January.
4. Team assignments for summer awards will be posted to the VSI website by January 15th. The meet template will not be settled until the qualifying times for LC age group champs and LC senior champs are established.
5. The schedule template for 2010-2011 will be posted to the VSI website by February 1<sup>st</sup>. The requests for bids will be solicited at that time with a due date of March 21<sup>st</sup>. This is to facilitate approval and release of the 2010-2011 schedule at the April HOD meeting.
6. Attached is a review by LSC of the various means meets are being managed throughout USA Swimming.
  - There are still some LSCs that do not have any specific instructions or means of enforcement of the 4-hour/8-hour timeline limitation.
  - Some LSCs do not have specific instructions in their procedures manual but do have standard statement in their meet announcements.
    - Several LSCs have penalties associated with not keeping individual meet sessions within the prescribed limits. The size of the LSC does not seem to be a common denominator for those LSCs with specific instructions and procedures.
    - Those LSCs with very detailed information about meet set event set up and penalties are those LSCs with a history of meets that have gone well beyond the timeline limits.
    - The use of "number of swimmers" and/or "number of splashes" is specifically identified as inappropriate and ineffective at successful management of the meet timeline.
    - In all cases, when guidance or policy is provided the LSC holds the host team specifically responsible.
  - There does not seem to be a connection between targeted meets (by classification or age) or meet progression and meet timeline management. LSCs are viewing each as separate issues.

7. After reviewing each of the USA Swimming LSC websites and portals, the common theme for swim meet progression is 8&U Meets, Age Group Meets, and Senior Meets.
  - The most common classification progression is B/C and BB+ with various definitions of each.
  - Age Group Meets and Senior Meets are often split into two classifications.
    - An elite level with a qualifying standard
    - A developmental level typically combined the Age Group meet and Senior meet participants.
8. LSC host Invitational, Open, and Closed meets.
  - Definitions for each vary from LSC to LSC.
  - Regardless of how a meet is identified, the type of meets are hosted are as follows:
    - Open to all USA registered athletes
    - Open to only athletes within a specific LSC or geographic designation within the LSC
    - Open to specifically invited teams.
9. Despite the meet management instructions designed to keep meet timelines within the USA-S limits, swim meets progression, meets targeting specific grouping of competitors, the open meet (meets for all swimmers) is the most popular.
  - All corner meets have the most restrictions and guidance to keep the meet from being oversubscribed. They also seem to carry the stiffest penalties if mismanaged (too long).
  - Specialized meets, i.e., distance meets, 8&U meets, etc. have reduced rebate fees or a specific LSC subsidy.

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