

Technical Planning Committee

1. The latest update to the 2010-2011 calendar shows BAC cancelling their May SCM Meet.
2. 2011-2012 Schedule with bids has been posted to the VSI website. We will continue to accept bids. Most pressing needs are:
 - 12&U and 13&O Prelim/Final meet in December.
 - We have bids for all short course championship meets. We are still working on LC championship meets
3. 2011 LC Senior Championships does not have a host or venue. We have a bid from Christiansburg Aquatic Center to host the meet and a bid from Triangle Aquatic Center, Cary, NC
4. Age Group Committee has worked time standards for LC Age Group Champs and they will be posted to the VSI website shortly.
5. Meet announcement templates for Summer Awards and LC Age Group Champs will be released by May 1st
6. The following is a breakdown of swimmers and splashes at each district and region championship meet:
 - District Champs (2010 numbers in parenthesis):
 - North District: 587 (605) Swimmers; 2759 (2914) Splashes; 114 (135) Relays
 - Central District: 848 (810) Swimmers; 4009 (4043) Splashes; 158 (172) Relays
 - Southeast District: 370 (486) Swimmers; 1769 (2318) Splashes; 59 (90) Relays
 - Southwest District: 337 (385) Swimmers; 1713 (1926) Splashes; 54 (78) Relays
 - Region Champs (2010 numbers in parenthesis):
 - Tidewater Region: 613 (719) Swimmers; 3473 (4088) Splashes; 227 (288) Relays
 - Blue Ridge Region: 641 (649) Swimmers; 3548 (3663) Splashes; 204 (221) Relays
 - Northern Virginia Region: 745 (728) Swimmers; 4065 (3996) Splashes; 203 (215) Relays
 - As reported previously, we should continue to monitor the numbers for each of these championship meets.
 - Total participation at district champs was down another 6% from the previous year (only Central District shows any growth). Previous was down 11%
 - Total participation at region champs was down about 5%. Previous year was up by 11%

- Previous observations that meets held just prior to the district champs do not seem to affect participation at district champs as much as qualifying times do is still valid with the possibility of swing years (up one year down the next)
 - As we make the qualifying times for age group champs and senior champs higher it increases the athlete pool for region champs.
 - A proposal has been sent to the AG Committee for consideration of a new format for district and region champs.
 - Having a separate 8&Y Circuit in the SE District definitely had an impact on the SE District Champs numbers.
 - 8&Y Circuit in the Central and North District may relieve some meet oversubscription during the season and help with district Champ numbers
7. We continue to adjudicate increased meet fee structure for most of our competition. Is it time to consider a meet fee structure change or just have all meet fees adjudicated prior to meet sanctioning or approval as a matter of process?
- VSI standard fee structure was \$1.50/6.00 as recent as 2001-2002. In 2002-2003 we raised the fee structure by 25% to \$2/\$8. We raised the fee structure again in 2005-2006 this time by 33% to \$3/\$12.
 - The average fee structure for non-championship meets is \$3.50/\$13.50.
 - Recommend we adopt a fee structure of \$4/\$14 for our in season meets and eliminate all standard fee structure for championship meets
 - Championship meets should provide a meet fee structure as a standard practice since all are doing so now.
8. 2011 Summer Awards team assignments have been posted to the VSI website next week.
9. Meet Management procedures approved by the Board will be fully enforced starting with the 2011-2012 swim year. We will be sending out the procedures to all host teams in advance to help facilitate compliance.
10. We have had a request for a modification of the Virginia Swimming Warm-up procedures. At senior meets a request has been made to allow the use of equipment (paddles, kick boards, pull buoys, etc.) during general warm-up.

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