

TO: Middle Atlantic Swimming
Technical Planning Committee
Age Group Committee
Senior Committee

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SUBJECT: Open Water

At the recent USA Swimming Open Water Championships held at Ft Myers, Florida a number of things occurred that have a bearing on Middle Atlantic Swimming's programs and financial considerations.

1. Below is a list of Middle Atlantic Swimmers that competed in the championships and may be eligible for travel fund reimbursement, providing they apply and meet the other qualifying criteria.

5 Kilometer: 6th Andrew Gemmell, DST, 9th Josef Kinderwater, WSY

10 Kilometer: 10th John Kenny GAAC (8th American) 11th Andrew Gemmell DST (9th American), 19th Josef Kinderwater, WSY (15th American) and 6th Leah Gingerich, WSY(5th American)

25 Kilometer: 2nd John Kenny GAAC

Based on their finish:

1. John Kenny qualifies For National Team in the world championships scheduled for Seville Spain in April/May 2008
 2. Kenny, Gemmell, Kinderwater, Gingerich qualify for Grand Prix Final in Indianapolis Indiana on 5 August 07 and the USA Swimming Open Water Olympic Trial on 19 October 2007 in Ft. Myer, Florida.
 3. The first two finishers in the Middle Atlantic Championships 5 K event on 30 June 2007 will qualify for the Grand Prix Final where the top 15 swimmers will qualify for the final American Olympic Open Water trials in Ft Myer, Florida
2. Middle Atlantic Championships.

A. Senior Considerations

The Middle Atlantic Open Water Championships will take place in Atlantic City, New Jersey on June 30, 2007. In previous brief discussions with Senior Chair, Mike Gobrecht, we tentatively agreed to the 5 Kilometer Senior Event being a Middle Atlantic Championship Open Water event and the Grand Prix qualifier in Indianapolis, Indiana. Per previous agreement from our National Headquarters the Bridge to Bridge Race is a Grand Prix event. The Male and Female winners and runner ups will qualify for the USA

Swimming National Grand Prix Ten Kilometer in Indianapolis, Indiana on August 5, an Olympic Games Trails Meet, if other qualifying standards are met. The top 15 male and female swimmers will qualify to compete in the Olympic Trails meet being held in Ft Myers on 19-20 October 2007.

B. Age Group Considerations

Likewise in discussions with the Age Group Chair, Matt Sprang, the event will serve as the Age Group Open Water Championships and the Eastern Zone Open Water Championships Team qualifying event.

Age Groups:	10 and Under	800 Meters
	11-12	1600 Meters
	13-14	1600 Meters
	15-16	* 5 Kilometers
	17-18	* 5 Kilometers

* Swimmers entered in this race will be scored in both the Age Group and Senior Classifications.

The top two swimmers in each age group, male and female, will be named to the Eastern Zone Open Water Team and be eligible for this year's Eastern Zone Championships Team on the same basis as the pool qualifiers.

3. Travel Fund. I propose that all swimmers qualifying for the Grand Prix August 5, 2007 in Indianapolis, Indiana be provided travel funds to supplement their travel. That would include the four swimmers qualifying at this year's National Championships (See above), and the four qualifiers from the Senior Championships providing they are Middle Atlantic Swimmers and meet the other criteria.

Entry criteria for the Grand Prix can be found on the USA Swimming Website Open Water Page.

I also propose that all Middle Atlantic qualifiers for the Open Water Olympic Trials in Ft Myers Florida, be funded for supplemental travel.

Criteria for the USA Swimming Open Water World Championship (Olympic) Trials can be found on the USA Swimming Website Open Water Page.

4. Funding. The travel fund expenditures should be determined by the Senior Committee and the Tech Planning Committee. Funds should be made available from unused 2007 Open Water Allocated funds and from the 2008 Open Water Championship allocation and the Special Olympic Travel funds.

