

PROPOSALS FROM AGE GROUP COMMITTEE
FOR NOVEMBER 12 HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING

Elite Meet Proposals

1. Establish new qualifying times for the Elite Meet, effective immediately. The new qualifying times would be the 32nd place from the 2000 Elite Meet. This time would be rounded up to end in a "9". No qualifying time will be changed more than .50 per 50 yards. This formula would be in place for three years in order to gradually adjust the standard closer to the 32nd place.

[Justification: To raise the level of the meet to a truly more "elite" status.]

2. There will be no finals for 10 and Unders at the Elite Meet. The 10 and Unders would have their own separate timed final session following the prelims of the 11/12 and 13/14. If proposal #1 does not pass, this proposal would be removed from consideration.

3. Fines for non-qualifying swims at the Elite Meet in which entry times can not be proven will be raised from \$10 to \$50.

[Justification: The current \$10 fine is not a deterrent for swimmers entering the meet who do not have legitimate qualifying times]

Junior Olympic Proposals

1. There will be no finals for 10/Unders.

[Justification: The time-line does not provide adequate time for 10/Unders to recover between prelims and finals.]

2. Fines for non-qualifying swims at the Elite Meet in which entry times can not be proven will be raised from \$10 to \$50. .

[Justification: The current \$10 fine is not a deterrent for swimmers entering the meet who do not have legitimate qualifying times]

Zones

1. Remove the \$50 fine for not participating in relays in Summer Zones.

[Justification: This is not really enforceable and has proven ineffective]

Zone Staff Travel:

1. For Zone Meets held within the MA boundaries, the appointed Zone Staff will be responsible for their own transportation to and from the competition. The exception would be short course Zones in which Zone Staff would travel with the athletes in transportation provided by MA.

2. For Zone Meets outside MA, MA will be responsible for providing transportation to, and from, the competition. This includes all transportation needs during the meet. Staff who decline the transportation provided by MA will not receive reimbursement for their own transportation. It is strongly suggested that the Zone Staff use the transportation provided by MA.

[Justification: Policy is needed to clarify coaches transportation]

Camps

1. To change camps from a general invitation, to a selection process based off of the same database used to select the Zone Team. Proposal would be for the top 8 from each event would be invited to attend a camp. Eventually, the Zone application would include a check box for a swimmer to check if they wish to be considered for a camp.

[Justification: The camp program needs to be revitalized. Age Group feels that swimmers would be more motivated to attend camps if they were invited based on performance.]

MA Age Group Swimmer “Break-Through” Award

The Age Group committee will award a MA swimmer who is 18 years or younger, who has not yet qualified for sectionals, or higher level meet. Consideration will be based on nominations received by the Age Group Committee by MA coaches or team reps. This award will be given to a male and female swimmer every four months. This award is not necessarily based on top swimming performances. Individual improvement, team spirit, community involvement and academic success are all factors to be considered. The award schedule is as follows:

<u>Period of Achievement</u>	<u>Nominations accepted thru</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
September-December	December 20	January
January – April	April 20	May
May – August	August 20	September