

TECHNICAL PLANNING
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The GCIT pool closed indefinitely in April of 2005 for investigation into air and water quality issues. There is no indication that the pool will be available for USA Swimming meets during the 2005-06 short course season. This meeting's purpose is to define a plan of action for the Middle Atlantic-hosted meets that were scheduled for that facility and to examine the impact of the closure on the MA club-hosted meets that were to be held there.

Priority – Junior Olympics

First choice – Franklin & Marshall (F&M) is not available on the weekend currently scheduled for this meet (March 16-19, 2006). Kip will determine availability on the prior weekend (March 9-12) and secure those dates if free. A senior meet would only be necessary if the Region One Sectional Meet is cancelled. JOs would probably include the 15 – 19 age group. Last chance meets on the first weekend in March would be moved to the open weekend in February (18-19) or provisions would be made to include those times in the JO meet if submitted by midnight on the Sunday of the last chance meet. The JO program would not be printed in-house under the latter scenario.

Second choice – Junior Olympics would be held on the weekend currently scheduled (March 16-19) at multiple locations. A senior meet would be added on the prior weekend and JOs could be for swimmers 14 and younger. Possible venues in order of desirability are listed below:

- 1) Parkland and Emmaus High Schools, with finals at PAAC
- 2) U of D, SSC, West Chester, LaSalle, with finals at U of D

Kip will pursue these options if F & M is not available.

Senior Meet

If the Region One Sectional Meet is not held and/or Junior Olympics is moved to a multi-pool venue, a Senior meet hosted by MA should be included in the schedule on the second weekend in March. Time standards for JOs should be capped at no faster than an EZ Sectional cut with positive check-in for all Senior events at the JO meet. The University of Delaware or LaSalle were mentioned as possible locations. Mike will have to wait for Kip to determine when & how JOs will be conducted before pursuing this option.

Elite meet

The most desirable possibility is to have this meet on the scheduled weekend at Franklin and Marshall with the provision for a college meet during

the Saturday afternoon session. A good alternative is the same location and format on the previous weekend in January. Kip will try to set this up also. Other possibilities include use of the pools noted under the multiple venue JO solution or dropping the meet altogether.

MISC.

John Carroll would like to see our policy regarding acceptance of long course meter times in short course JOs revised to always include all courses. This will be put on the agenda for the July BOD meeting.

Spring Nationals has a new name and two sets of standards – one for 18 & younger and a more difficult one for swimmers 19 & over. It is unclear if this meet will be conducted in long course meters or short course yards.

The NCSA Junior Championship meet may or may not be held in Orlando on the dates indicated on our current short course schedule.

Matt Sprang will report the latest news on GCIT to Cherita on Friday. She will pass this along to this committee and a notice will be posted on the website. There is some concern that we will not have enough meets to fill the demand, particularly in November and February. Cherita will notify clubs currently hosting meets and give them the opportunity to express interest in holding an additional meet during the SC season. All replies will be turned over to Technical Planning for action.

Respectfully submitted,
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Acting Secretary this one time