

Age Group Committee 9/19/01 Lititz Community Center

Junior Olympics - Problems

1. Sectional kids taking up spots from other swimmers.
2. Parents on Deck not working the meet
 - a. Job assignments for safety not taken seriously or job is not understood
 - i. Different USA Swimming Badge colors?
 1. Cherita said no, since they come from USA Swimming
 2. Make our own id badges for coaches and swimmers – can be placed in a “Team Packet”
3. Positive Check-in not working
 - a. Same Team was checking every swimmer in from their team regardless if they were planning on swimming, defeating the purpose of the check-in.
 - i. Fines for not swimming?
4. Too large of a meet
 - a. 14 & Under Meet?
 - b. Swimmers missing cuts
 - i. Fines?
 - c. Total number of events allowed to swim - swim 6 events only for whole meet?
 - d. Safety regulations
 - i. Fire Marshall concern
 - e. Creating more regional meets to eliminate the monster
 - f. Open ended qualifying period – 2 year qualifying period?

Junior Olympics – Suggested Changes

1. We need to increase the fines to \$50 or \$100.
2. Total events allowed to swim must be 6 – excluding distance races?
3. No 200's for 12 & Unders in the meet – if these events are not reportable times.
4. No 10&under finals at any JO's
5. Allow consols

Zones Recap

1. Summer Zones were too scattered
 - a. Unprepared
 - i. Create a Head Coach Manual?
2. Transportation
 - a. “MA will provide transportation for coaches....”
3. Summer Practice for Zone team
4. Coaches need to make contact with kids, before they get to the meet

Elite Meet Format

1. Make cuts the 32nd place time from the past year with a minimum “A” standard
2. Eliminate 200’s unless the events are reportable events
3. No 10 & Under finals
4. Can we go to a 2-pool system again?
 - a. F&M and Lititz?

Mid Atlantic Camps

1. Not too successful
 - a. Make them invitational camps
 - b. Top 10-20 kids?
2. Are the camps worth it?
 - a. Give out rewards for making the camp, not just USA Swimming stuff – shirts, etc...

Age Group Recognition

1. Age Group swimmer of the Quarter/3rds?
 - a. Breakthrough Swimmer award
 - i. Plaque? Certificate?
 1. Get them in Swimming World
 - ii. No criteria
 1. PA, NJ, DE for awards
 2. swimming, school and community events to win award

Additional Information

1. Creating a 3 year plan for an Age Group Championships
 - a. More regional meets
 - b. Smaller higher quality meets