

MIDDLE ATLANTIC SWIMMING, INC.  
Technical Planning Committee  
Minutes – July 30, 2003

Present: John Carroll (Chair), George Breen, Fred Killian, Jon Larson, Cherita Gentilucci

The following items will be presented to the September MA Board meeting for discussion and adoption.

1. Travel Destination Awards – The MA Travel budget for national meets through summer 2004 was reviewed. Recommended maximum Destination Awards consistent with the Middle Atlantic Travel Policy were proposed as per the attached summary. The Bonus award is set by the current MA policy.
2. Summer Nationals, 2004 – it is proposed that swimmers who attend only the National Championships (Palo Alto) will receive first consideration to receive the Bonus and Destination Award (\$500 maximum per swimmer.) Swimmers who attend both the Olympic Trials and National Championships will receive the Bonus Award (if eligible) and will then divide any remaining funds (within the \$13M budget) as their Destination Award (up to the \$500 maximum.) Note: granting of Bonus Awards to swimmers attending both Meets may exceed the budgeted amount, as per MA policy.
3. Travel Open Water – after discussion, the following recommendations will be made regarding Open-Water Travel awards:
  - Swimmers must meet the same Registration and Meet Participation requirements of all swimmers as stated in the MA Travel policy.
  - To receive an Open Water travel award, a swimmer must have achieved at least one MA Sectional Travel Award Time Standard within the twelve (12) months prior to the Open Water Meet.
  - For each Open-Water Meet, the MA Budgeted Award will be equally divided among those meeting the above requirements, with a maximum award of \$500 per swimmer.
  - Consistent with policy adopted at the Feb, 2003 HofD meeting, a qualified swimmer may receive three Travel Awards in a year provided at least one award is for a pool event and one is for an open-water event.
4. Travel Adapted – the following recommendations will be made regarding Travel Awards to National Adapted or Disability Championships:
  - A swimmer must meet the MA Registration and Meet Participation requirements as stated in the MA Travel Policy. Exceptions must be presented to and waived by the Senior Committee.
  - A swimmer does not have to meet a Time Standard to be eligible for an award.
  - The MA Budgeted Award will be equally divided among those swimmers meeting the above requirements, with a maximum award of \$500 per swimmer.
5. Surcharge – the need for a Meet Entry Surcharge (per swimmer) was discussed; the need is based on a significant increase in the Facilities charges at pools where many MA meets are held. Current MA Meet Entry policy does not provide for Clubs to include a Surcharge in their entry fee. After discussion, the following policy will be recommended to the MA Board for adoption:
  - Requests for a surcharge at Club-hosted meets must be reviewed and approved by an ad-hoc Surcharge Sub-Committee consisting of the following individuals: Admin, Senior, Age-Group, Financial and Operations.
  - Surcharge shall be considered only for Long-Course Meets.
  - Requests must be supported by appropriate and sufficient meet entry and financial information comparing the proposed meet with previous years - e.g., facility charge, number of swimmers, number of splashes, entry fee revenue, other revenue, etc., to allow consideration of the request.
  - The Surcharge Sub-Committee can approve or reject a Club request for a surcharge, subject to review by the MA Board.
  - When the surcharge request is approved solely on the basis to meet an increase in the Facility charge, the rebate to MA from the surcharge may be waived.
  - Requests for a Surcharge must be submitted to the MA Office by Jan 1.