

CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 21, 1988 A.M. SESSION

The meeting was opened at 9:10 a.m. by Chairman Mel Goldstein.

1. 3 years ago, a Meet Managers Guide and Bid Application were put together. Committee member Huddie Murray will revise these over the next year. Mel has encouraged input from everyone.

2. Meet awards - the Marketing Committee has been charged with designing a new patch and new award, which will be seen at the House of Delegates meeting. The medals can be customized and engraved. Team awards are to be given and can be customized by the host team.

3. Computer service - to be used at Mission Bay and Grand Forks. It is too soon to evaluate this at this time. It has been used locally with much success. A two-per-lane item has been corrected.

RULES: MSR 2: 19-24 year-olds in National Championships  
25-29 - one of the smallest age groups at nationals  
need to couple addition of 19-24's with some method of limiting size  
vote: 4-1 against  
MSR 14: relay lead-off splits for records  
world records are allowed by FINA  
relay cards are not always correct  
ties up getting results out  
rulebook allows for top 10 times listing if split is brought to the attention of the official in writing  
vote: 3-2 in favor to not allow relay splits for records  
MSR 15,16,18,26,34: short course meters national championships  
there are several pools now, but not sure of availability  
difficulty in getting bids  
encourage zones to hold short course meters championships  
are we ready for another national meet?  
vote: unanimously against

MSR 17: meet evaluation report to meet director/host  
to list good and bad things about the meet  
evaluators work independently  
vote: unanimously for

MSR 19: limiting the size of national meets  
several options discussed - cut-off times, self-proof, meet results or top 10 listings ; lottery system, first-come, first served, recommended time guidelines rather than strict time standards; going to 5 events instead of 6; philosophy about national championships  
Motion by Gail Dummer: limit all entrants to 5 events  
vote: 4-2 for.

Motion by Gail Dummer: meet information shall include established voluntary time guidelines giving the 20th place and the number of people in each event in the last meet of that course in the same zone.  
vote: unanimously for

MSR 20,22: give meet director 5 more days (35 days)  
vote: unanimous for  
MSR 21: declare validity of affiliation  
vote: unanimous for  
MSR 23: use official USMS relay cards  
vote: unanimous for  
MSR 24: relays must be pre-entered but may be deck-seeded  
vote: 5 against, 1 abstention  
MSR 25: deck seed all relays  
vote: unanimous for  
MSR 27: event rotation  
adopt a new schedule to allow for variety; rotate events, not necessarily days; should not start a day with a short event  
Motion by Gail Dummer to table this until the next convention, after study over the coming year  
vote on motion: unanimous for  
vote on MSR 27: unanimous against  
MSR 28: allow swimming of both distance events at nationals  
vote: unanimous against  
MSR 29: last relay before 400 IM  
take into consideration having 2 relays on the other 2 days, but also be careful of adding to the 400/500 free day  
vote: unanimous for  
MSR 30: 5 day meet  
problems; availability of pools, money, volunteers, etc.  
vote: unanimous against  
MSR 31: delete team scoring  
vote: unanimous against  
MSR 32: show USMS card at nationals  
vote: unanimous against  
MSR 33: copy of USMS registration sent with entry  
vote: unanimous for

A short discussion of the bids received followed:

Long Course 1990 - The Woodlands - August 24-27, 1990  
vote: to recommend The Woodlands

Short Course 1990 - USC

several reservations before we recommend -

- need to provide shuttle buses to and from hotels
- parking next to pool with parking fee waived
- officials/staff - parents' group
  - deck officials
  - timers
  - masters group
- medical requirements to be communicated

CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 21, 1988  
P.M. SESSION

The afternoon session was opened by Chairman Mel Goldstein at 1:10 p.m.

A discussion of procedures began the meeting, with several motions being acted on:

1. Medical factors - exiting the pool immediately after one's event was discussed with the following recommendation by the Medical Committee - that a swimmer should wait in the lane after completion of event and then exit to the side after the next event has begun. June Krauser motion: to adopt the policy as amended: for individual events, and for relays, if practical  
vote: 5-1 for

2. 2-per-lane in the 400/800/1500 events  
all-or-none vs. choice - all required to swim 2-per-lane  
don't use letters (A and B) for heats, use actual heat numbers  
women vs. women and men vs. men in same heats  
June Krauser explained Brisbane method - faster of 2 heats must leave first  
Huddie Murray motion: 2-per-lane at long course nationals for the 400,800 and 1500 meter freestyle events, with the fastest swimmers at the same end of the pool, then the next fastest at the other end.  
vote: unanimous for

MSR 11: waiting for heat to finish before starting next one

Huddie Murray motion: to reject

vote: unanimous against MSR 11

Stephanie Walsh motion: that extreme care should be taken by the starter that no heat catches up to the preceding heat

vote: unanimous for

Gail Dummer motion: that the procedure of starting from both ends and 2-per-lane requirement be included in the pre-meet information for all long course national championships

vote: unanimous for

Deck Seeded Events - 400 IM, 400/500, 800/1000, 1650/1500, all relays  
discussion of timing of re-entry deadline for these events

Gail Dummer motion - that a set check-in deadline in person or by postcard be for 5 p.m. of the day prior to the event. The Meet Director should endeavor to publish the heats by later that day

vote: unanimous for

Having a time line has been a big help

the more deck-seeded events there are, the less likely we are to have a reliable time line

Jeff Thibodeaux would like to see a set number of awards at each nationals, not tied to the number of lanes in the pool. His idea is to award from first through tenth.

Tina Martin discussed having all officials who are USS certified. A suggestion was made that Tina run a clinic prior to or sometime during the meet. She will discuss this with Russ White of USS.

Betty Bennett suggested that the long-distance event always be held on a weekday, not on a weekend.

Gail Dummer motion: to have a 5-10 minute break between the last individual event and the relays to avoid the confusion for older swimmers that occurs prior to the relays.

Coaches Ad Hoc Committee: They would like to award a Masters Spirit award to be presented at each nationals. Awards are being reviewed and considered by the Executive Committee.

Gail Dummer motion: That we favor the MACA awards, but that we would like the Executive Committee to discuss.

vote: unanimous for

Gail Dummer motion: We suggest a review of the memorial awards presently given.

vote: unanimously for

Discussion: alternating distance events fast-to-slow and slow-to-fast in alternate years. Jim Miller suggests slow-to-fast as safest for the older swimmers. No vote was taken. This was not submitted as a rule change prior to the convention.

Review of Meet Contract and Evaluation Form: Sandi Rousseau is working on the Evaluation Form. The meet contract is now in place. Huddie Murray is working on the Meet Managers Guide.

Long-term projects for the committee: 19-24 year-olds  
strict time standards  
another order of events

Meet evaluation forms: try to make them as positive as possible.

Future bids are invited. Possible bids for the 1991 championships include Michigan, Oklahoma, and Nashville. It's nice to see some new areas represented.

The meeting ended at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie A. Walsh

PROPOSAL FOR ENTRY LIMITATION FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS .

Problem: World Championship meet days are too long. In Brisbane, 1988, over 3700 entrants were allowed to enter 6 events over 6 days. The first day went from 7:30am until 1:30am. The shortest day ran 13 hours.

Proposed Solution: Modified Time Standards

Rationale: Meet will remain competitive as top swimmers can enter 5 events, yet participation by all will be allowed, as every swimmer will be able to enter at least two events.

Rule Proposal for Entries at Masters World Championship Meets:

1. Maximum 5 events per swimmer
2. Time Standards to be set at 20th place in each age group at most recent world championship meet. No age group shall have a standard faster than a younger age group. Standards for age groups 60 and over set at 15th place at most recent world championship meet.
3. Swimmers may enter events in which they have a certified time as fast as the time standard plus one other event in which they do not make the standard, up to the 5 event maximum. Swimmers not making any standards may enter two events.
4. Certified times are those listed in an official regional, national, or world top ten list, or when certified on a proof of time card by either a top ten recorder or by an official at a sanctioned Masters meet. Times must have been swum within 2 years of the date of the world meet.
5. This rule will only be invoked when entries at the World Championships exceed 2500 (8 lane pool), 2750 (9 lane pool) or 3000 (10 lane pool)

MODIFICATION OF ABOVE PROPOSAL FOR USMS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Modified Time Standards will be used only when a short course Nationals exceeds 2000 entrants or when a long course Nationals exceeds 1000 entrants.
2. National Time Standards will be set in the following way:  
For each event, one will calculate the 20th place in the age group at the previous years Nationals and the 20th place in the age group at the previous Nationals held in that zone of the country. Time standards will average these two times in each age group, each event. (The rationale for this provision is to allow tighter standards on the west coast where meets are larger and more highly competitive).
3. Swimmers may enter events in which they meet standards plus two other events in which they do not meet standards (to a maximum of 5 events). Swimmers not making standards may enter two events. (The rationale for allowing more "non-standard" events than the above international rule is that generally the average USMS swimmer enters more events in such a meet than the average swimmer in an international meet).