

Championship Committee
Friday, September 20, 1991

1. Proposed Rules Changes

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A. Meet Schedules (1991-1994)

Schedule A I Schedule B III Schedule C II

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B. Rotation of meet formats

4. Beginning with Short Course Nationals in 1991, the format shall be rotated among the three basic schedules I, II, and III in numerical order and without regard to course. This rotation may be altered when deemed necessary by the Championship Committee.

Page 43, 104.4.4A3 Affiliation

A swimmer's affiliation as stated on the ~~entry form~~ USMS registration card, if valid as of the first day of the meet . . .

2. Time Standards Report and Update

Analysis of time standards was presented by Bill Black based on the previous three Short Course Nationals. To implement the time standard for future meets, a sub-committee was formed to produce new meet entry formats. Tom Boak, Bill Black, Gene Donner, Lynn Casey, and Sandi Rousseau volunteered for the project.

3. Championship Medals Update

As contract with present vendor expires January 1992, three new vendors were considered, which were all comparable in service and quality. A decision was made that we would draw up specific specs for medals and that the meet host would present samples of their proposed championship medal or an alternate type of award from a vendor of their choice for approval by the Championship Committee at the convention prior to their meet.

4. Short Course Meters National Championship Survey Report

The survey by Lynn Casey indicated sufficient interest to pursue investigation into the possibility of a National Short Course Meters Championship.

5. National Championship Meet Computerization

It was the sense of the Committee to keep an independent contractor rather than having the host bidder be responsible for supplying the computerization for the meet.

6. 1991 Championship Meet Reports

Areas of excellence as well as problems with the Nashville and Elizabethtown meets were discussed. It was noted that we must be more specific about details in pre-meet site visits as well as improve communications during the meet with meet directors and officials concerning problem areas.

7. 1992 Championship Meet Updates

North Carolina was given approval to change the dates of 1992 Short Course Nationals to May 21-24. Hill Carrow will also present to the committee a letter of agreement with the company providing the temporary warmup pool within 30 days of the end.

8. Terms of Contract Host Signs for National Championships (1993)

- Add USMS Board of Directors and Newsletter Editors of LMSC's to mailing list (USMS obligation)
- USMS shall designate the order of events per rulebook protocol
- Time standard and/or limitations of events entered shall be imposed upon the meet host if deemed necessary by the Championship Committee.

All three passed.

9. Terms of Host's Obligation for National Championship

- Add - Marshalls shall be mandatory to enforce USMS guidelines. Competition shall not be allowed to proceed if this requirement is not fulfilled.
- Add USMS Board of Directors and LMSC Newsletter Editors.
- Keep result info, etc., for year after meet.

All passed.

10. Bid Info Form and Application

Gene and Sandy to update bid form for review of Committee with goal of having new form in time for next year's bidders.

11. Long Range Planning

Ideas generated:

Facilities register

List of pools to solicit for championships

List of host organizations

Market championships to LMSC

Televise National Championship

Video of National Championship

Public relations video

What went wrong at National Championships and how to get it to hosts

Paid USMS Official on deck

Local participation

Bulletin board - computer system

Media package - press releases

Standardize meet info package (i.e., maybe computerize with fill-in-the-blanks)

Fax entries (23% including early entries for Elizabethtown)

Video on warmup etiquette

12. Marketing/Facility Standards

Bill Black would be central to collect information on pools. Each rep would collect information on pools using bid form.

13. "Rules" View of Championship Committee Rules

Rule regarding affiliation - Rules says not emergency; come back next year.

14. New Business:

Survey comments - Lynn Casey presented ideas from survey:

1. Be able to swim both 800 and 1500 (or 1000 and 1650)
2. 400 and 800 relays maybe every other year
3. Backstroke events first at outdoor meets to cut down on glare
4. Distance event day should alternate slow to fast, fast to slow every other year
5. Print national entries in USMS newsletter
6. Distance day on weekday (not weekend)
7. Back flags in practice pool

8. Encourage short course meters at zones
9. Ridiculous to train short course yards then swim short course meters
10. Emergency phone number on Nationals entry
11. World records short course meters not short course yards
12. USMS meets also USS sanctioned so masters could go to USS meets with quality times
13. If drop sixth event, get refund in person at event
14. Merge U.S. and Canadian masters

Ideas:

- 2 per lane - Suggestion to eliminate entirely or declare for everybody
- Combine slowest men and women of 1500 and start at 7:00. Would work out best for last day