

Fall 2022 Meeting
SWSC Agenda

Call to order

Attendance – 2 voting reps per team.

Treasurer Statement – Anna Lawhon

SWSC JO 2022 – Wrap-up

Level 2 AAU submitted for 2023

MH	Submitted
PAC	Submitted
Jets	Submitted
SWAT	
Racers	
Searcy	
Blytheville	

Mountain View – pool updates?

1) Proposed change to event lineup.

Current	Proposed	Reason for change
Medley Relay	8&U 25 Free 9-12 50 Free 13-18 50 Free	Beginning with the Medley Relay is a challenge, means it is an hour+ between warmups and first swim. Corraling swimmers, losing little ones, kids not legal in all strokes. New families become frustrated with timeline.
8&U 25 Free 9-12 50 Free 13-18 100 Free	8&U 25 Back 9-12 50 Back 13-18 100 Back	Free 1 st , Back 2 nd – means new swimmers quickly swim two events. Less waiting.
8&U 25 Back 9-12 50 Back 13-18 100 Back	10&U 100 IM 11-18 200 IM	IM gives new swimmers a break and teams time to gather relays.
8&U 25 Breast 9-12 50 Breast 13-18 100 Breast	Free Relay	3 rd event for newer swimmers. Meet is moving along quicker.
8&U 25 Fly 9-12 50 Fly 13-18 100 Fly	8&U 50 Free 9-12 100 Free 13-18 50 Free	Moving second freestyle event up means new swimmers get their 3 rd individual event in sooner and could leave.
8&U 50 Free 9-12 100 Free 13-18 50 Free	8&U 25 Breast 9-12 50 Breast 13-18 100 Breast	<u>Breast or Fly</u> Which event do coaches feel swimmers are legal in first?
10&U 100 IM 11-18 200 IM	8&U 25 Fly 9-12 50 Fly 13-18 100 Fly	<u>Breast or Fly</u> Which event do coaches feel swimmers are legal in first?
Free Relay	Medley Relay	Medley Relay last could deter teams from creating relays that delay the timeline at the beginning of a meet.
Distance Events – Not part of standard SWSC meet format.		

Additional reasons for proposed event changes.

- Newer swimmers get 3 events and 1 relay in the front half of the meet.
- League #'s are shifting to a younger swimmer as we all rebuild from Covid impact.
- Front half of timeline moves quicker
- Built in break to prepare for Free Relays due to placement of the IM.
- Allows for newer swimmers and families to leave earlier. Thus, encouraging them to attend more meets because they do not last as long for new families.

2) DQ's

- The quantity of DQ's this summer was extraordinarily high.
- It slowed the timeline.
- It was frustrating to officials and computer people.
- Ribbons were not able to be completed in a timely manner due to dq slips needing to be entered after the meet.
- Results were delayed during and after the meet due slips needing to be entered.
- Coaches were unsure why dq's occurred due to multiple factors.
- Coaches unsure where to pick dq slips up. Better communication at coaches meeting for this. Some teams hand them out. Other teams place them in the ribbon baskets. Another meet coaches had to request them at the computer table. There should always be a carbon copy.
- Coaches unsure how to answer parent questions about why dq's occurred.

HOW DO WE FIX THIS? Suggestions? Ideas?

- Do new swim families probably do not need to choose their events?
- Coaches, please do not enter swimmers in events until they are legal.
- 6&U, do we need to eliminate 6&U fly and 6&U breast? If a 6&U is legal in fly or breast move up to 8&U.
- Would a change in timeline discourage entries in breast and fly until they are legal?
- Other ideas?

3) Bullpens

- Remain optional.
- Were very helpful at the Pocahontas meets.

4) Officials

Quality, Quantity, Overwhelmed, Undervalued, Training.

- Officials are volunteers and we need their help to run meets.
- What is each team doing to recruit officials?
- How are teams training officials?
 - <http://www.strokeandturn.com/>
- We had more officials since implementing the \$25 fee. That worked!
- The fee felt unfair to smaller teams.
- **Should the no-official fee be graduated?**
 - Example
 - Less than 8 kids – NO official fee
 - 9-19 kids ___ # of officials or \$25 fee
 - 20-39 kids ___ # of officials or \$50 fee
 - 40-59 kids ___ # of officials or \$75 fee
 - 60-79 kids ___ # of officials or \$100 fee
 - 80-100 kids ___ # of officials or \$125 fee

5) SWSC Website

**The guards are changing, the league is evolving, & teams have new coaches.
The guidelines need to be easily accessible.**

- SWSC Handbook is being updated and will be added to the SWSC website.
- Minutes will be added to the SWSC website.
- Teams – Please send updated contact information for the website.
- Information should be easier to access for all of us.
- Put all meet flyers, entry/results files on the SWSC website at the beginning of the season.
 - This is something other summer leagues do and is very helpful.
- No more searching team websites for meet files or waiting for an email. Plan ahead.
- Add rules committee members to website?

6) Other suggestions & ideas

- Soaker or sprinkler areas for hot summer meets.
- Evening summer league meets or smaller dual evening meets.
- Sara Frazier was Head Ref at Finals. She used a checkoff list for officials and it was appreciated. A copy of this will be added to the SWSC website. Coaches and officials contacted board members to say this was very useful.

7) Finals

- The heat winner bracelets were loved!
- Needed more than 3 High Point Awards for each age/gender.
- Ran short on 8 medals. *Unsure how. Counted twice.
- Awards at Finals are always a challenge.
- Team walk-out, always a hit.
- **Date for Finals 2023 – June 22, 2023**
 - It looks like ASI state will be the same weekend at SWSC Finals.
 - Finals host team for 2023 is Jets. If that is the same weekend as ASI, do they need to pass for 2024?
 - Who is host for 2024?
 - Updated Finals Hosting list – If a team drops SWSC and rejoins they go to the bottom of the list. A new team joins the hosting list at the bottom.
 - 2023 – Jets
 - 2024 –
 - 2025 –
 - 2026 –
 - 2027 –
 - 2027 –
 - 2028 –
 - 2029 –

8) Relays

- Teams were not submitting names for relays before the meet began.
- How does a host team verify relay limits without names being submitted?
- Teams were submitting more relay entries than they could possible field given the # of swimmers.
- Will a new meet lineup help with this?
- Medley Relays – whole heats being dq'd.
- Impact to timeline when relays are not combined.

9) Exhibition Swimmers, 6&U's and Coaches in the water.

- If unable to swim an event, such as a 25 freestyle, should they be entered in a meet?
- Coach disregarding the SWSC meet bylaws
- This was a heated topic this summer.

10) Meet improvements - Parent driven requests.

- Better placed or more PA equipment. There were multiple complaints about not being able to hear event announcements.
 - Some teams have already made plans to purchase additional PA equipment.
 - Is this something your team should review?
- Bathrooms. They are a struggle at swim meets.
 - Cleanliness, trash overflowing, running out of tp.

- Music
 - Please ensure music is appropriate and not overpowering the event announcements.
- Timeline
 - Meets went on too long for new families.
- HOT Summer
 - It was hot.
 - Better education on managing heat & hydrating.
 - One teen swimmer in ER for heat emergency this summer.
 - Colling options such as a misting area.

11) Deck Safety

- Does each team have a plan for deck safety?
- Parents behind the blocks?
- Media and photo policy? No photos behind the blocks. Timers sneaking diving photos.
- Visiting political or city officials in the safe areas of a closed deck?

12) Coach AAU #'s

- Every coach must have an AAU# and complete the PCA training.
- PCA training link will be added to the SWSC website.
- How do we ensure this is completed at each meet?
- USA Credentials do not supersede or replace AAU credentials because these are AAU meets.

13) Rosters & Swimmer AAU #'s

- It was a struggle to get team rosters and AAU numbers for each swimmer.
- There is an easy to print roster report each team can generate on the AAU website.

14) Junior Olympics 2023 – Des Moines, Iowa

- July 27-30
- Very nice pool.
- Easy drive.
- Historically hotels are priced lower than other cities.

15) Date for Spring 2023 Meeting

- Move meeting to early April or March
- Would this allow for better preparation and planning?
- Proposed Dates –
 - March 4, 2023 – ASI Age Group State *per ASI website
 - March 11, 2023
 - March 18, 2023 – Spring Break Weekend *ASI Senior State per ASI website
 - March 25, 2023 – Spring Break Weekend *Speedo Sectionals in Indianapolis per USA website
 - April 1, 2023 – Spring Splash Meet @ Pocahontas

- April 8/9, 2023 – Easter Weekend

16) SWSC Meet Calendar 2023 – For planning purposes.

May 27 – Memorial Day Weekend	
June 3	
June 10	
June 17	
June 24 JOQ – Eldorado?	
July 1 By week for 4 th ? JOQ – Texarkana?	
July 8	
July 15	
July 22	Finals
July 27-30	JO IN Des Moines