

Agenda Topic #2: Competition Schedules for the Next Competitive Year 2007–2008:

BACKGROUND:

Initial discussion surrounded concern over not having enough opportunity to allow top PNS LSC athletes compete against each other.

DISCUSSION AND PROPOSAL:

The comments that follow represent the thought and ideas suggested during the discussion of this topic. There was a concern that February is a “hole” in the meet schedule for senior swimmers unless you want to travel, particularly if you are not involved in a boys high school program. There is a desire for an additional meet in the early February time frame. There was a desire to have additional senior meet(s) in the fall. There were several comments regarding not being bound by the current PNS meet schedule and its history, but take an approach to start with a “clean slate” and develop a schedule that makes sense for the objectives desired by the LSC. The LSC needs to be willing to continue to develop and try approaches that are considered best for developing the environment that allows our LSC athletes to excel. There is a need to have more meets in the schedule that allow our top swimmers to compete against each other. If at all possible these meets should also strive to invite top swimmers/clubs from outside our own LSC.

ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED:

- (1) Develop the meet schedule from a “clean slate”.
- (2) Document the objectives that the meet schedule is supporting.
- (3) Consider having meets that allow the LSC to invite top teams from Oregon, California and
- (4) Consider separating PNS Champs into two separate meets and break the meet at 14 & under and 15 & over. Moving the Q-Meet earlier would all an open weekend to have two Champs meets.
- (5) Add additional high level invitational meets for our top athletes.
- (6) Add more preliminary& finals format meets in the January/February time frame for age group swimmers.
- (7) We also need to look at the PNS summer meet schedule.
- (8) Determine when in the schedule do we want timed final format meets vs preliminary & final format meets?

NEXT STEPS:

- (1) Post the meeting summary on the PNS website under the Senior Coaches area.
- (2) Schedule an additional meeting to review and discuss the summer meet schedule.

TOPICS FOR THE NEXT SENIOR COACHES' MEETING:

Please send topics that you would like to see addressed at the next Senior Coaches' meeting to Jack Ridley/Andy Hathaway so agenda items can be formulated for discussion as appropriate.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Thanks to Bruce Richards, AG Vice Chair for taking notes.