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Subj: Technical Planning Chair Report

The past year was a busy one in Tech Planning. With continued changes in our championship meets, we spent time in the long-range planning of these championships while continuing to improve the current year's events. Simplifying the meet announcements, determining time standards, improving the OOE, and other details have been at top of our list.

Immediately following the AG State Meet in March our committee met again to discuss what went well and what can be improved for future championships. Our discussion included:

- Time standards – generally the time standards appeared appropriate for the athletes with improvements potentially needed for the male younger age groups.
- OOE – improvements seemed positive, especially at the 11-12 age group with improvements in back-to-back events. SR State change in OOE due to 3.5 day meet was well received.
- MAC/MRC Zones – number of zones was appropriate based on total number of athletes competing on these weekends. Goal is to continue and work to evenly spread athletes across all sites.
- AG State – further discussion needed to try and improve experience for all athletes. Big challenges currently focus on length of time between sessions for all and the length of each finals session.

On April 5 a group of individuals from Tech Planning met to discuss the proposal in front of the HOD from Amy Parratto with Riptide. The proposal centers on pulling the 10 and under athletes from the current AG State meet and creating a separate state meet for them that could also include an 8 and under age group. Potential benefits include:

- Inclusion of the 8 and under athletes.
- Positive effect on the 9-10 age group via a "domino effect"
- Ability to get a greater number of younger males in the state meets.
- A better championship meet experience for the 11-14 age athletes due to shorter finals sessions and longer time in between prelims and finals.
- Adequately recognizing all athletes during awards presentations.
- Better experience for spectators at both meets.

Technical Planning supports the proposal and recommends that we go to this format for the 2017 SCY championship meets.

I'd like to specifically thank all who served on the committee this year: John Bradley, Ian Cooke, Rory Coplan, Bob Crunstedt (staff), Olga Espinosa, Bruce Green, Lauren Harris, Patrick Hunter, Sheryl McGuire (staff), Tracy Meece (staff), Jack Swanson, and Mark Vininski. If anyone is interested in serving for 2016-17, please contact me directly.

Respectfully Submitted,

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