

Meeting minutes

Ozark Age Group Committee

The Age Group Swimming Committee of the Ozark Swimming, Inc. LSC met on 6 October at the Center of Clayton. The meeting was called to order at 1:05p. Those in attendance were Paul Murphy, PJ Keller, Todd Gabel, Mo Stewart and Bill Price, Chairman.

Item 1: Revisions to the event list for the Ozark Division 1 short course championship

To address the issue of having 3 distance events offered on the same day of the championship meet the following changes in the event list have been made:

FRIDAY	SATURDAY (prelims)	SUNDAY (prelims)
200 IM (all groups)	200 free (12, 14)	400 IM (14)
200 free (10)	100 breast (10, 12)	100 IM (12, 10)
500 free (12, 14)	200 breast (14)	100 free (14, 12, 10)
4 x 200 free relay (14)	50 back (10, 12)	100 breast (14)
	100 back (14)	50 breast (12, 10)
	100 fly (10, 12)	200 back (14)
	200 fly (14)	100 back (12, 10)
	50 free	100 fly (14)
	4 x 50 MR (10) timed final	50 fly (12, 10)
	4 x 100 MR (12, 14) timed final	4 x 100 FR (14, 12) timed final
	1650 free (14) timed final	4 x 50 FR (10) timed final
	SATURDAY (finals)	SUNDAY (finals)
	All above individual events	All above individual events
	except the 1650	4 x 50 FR (14, 12) timed final
	4 x 50 MR (12, 14) timed final	

To address the issue of overly long finals sessions the following changes have been made:

1. All 10 & under events will go to 1 final heat in the evening. Events for 11-12 and 13-14 year olds will remain at 2 final heats in the evening.
2. All 10 & under relays will be swum in the prelim session.
3. Scoring for all events remains at 16 places.

Item 2: Changes in the time standards formula

Addressing the lack of favorable change in the time standards, the committee voted to begin phasing in the 26th place time into the current formula beginning in March 2002. This is a change from the current use of the 32nd place time averaged over a 5 year period.

By incorporating the 26th place time the standards will get faster. By phasing in the 26th place one year at a time the standards will change in a predictable, gradual way. The committee believes the gradual lowering of the qualifying times will act as a positive motivating factor to Ozark swimmers.

Item 3: Revisions in the Ozark Division 1 long course meet format

For the 2002 Division 1 long course meet the following changes were made:

1. The 10 & under age group was eliminated. The youngest age group in the meet will now be 12 & under. Age groups in the meet will now include 12 & under, 13-14 and 15 & over.
2. Ozark Gold standards will be used for qualification. 12 & under will use the 11-12 gold standard.
3. Further details will be worked out at a future meeting.

Item 4: Using the National Age Group times to classify meets

The committee discussed the differences between using the NAG times and the Ozark Gold, Silver and Bronze standards in classifying meets. No decision was reached on this matter.

Item 5: Ozark banquet

The committee discussed reinstating the Ozark banquet. Details of who would be invited and when the banquet would be held was explored. PJ Keller will pursue.

Item 6: Educational ideas

In depth discussion of education ideas was tabled until the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30p