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Age Group Chairman Report

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Next Tech Planning Meeting: TBA – Week of May 7th – Either teleconference or in person. Will have date out by this Friday, April 28th.

2017 Junior Olympics: I feel the meet overall went much better than last year. Personally speaking it was good to plan with my own swimmers how they wanted to tackle the meet and we strategically chose events. I know of a few other coaches that did this and I think that preparation gave the kids a lot more confidence this year. I thank everyone for their feedback and comments in making this meet a great experience for the swimmers. Speaking to many coaches that were there, I believe they were happy with a lot of the changes that were implemented this season. I ask that we continually strive to be better and I want coaches to be proactive in the process of making these meets and overall experience better. One thing I must comment on is that the stands for parents and swimmers were still quite packed but manageable and there were no incidents (to my knowledge) like those that occurred in the past.

BOD Discussion & Approval: I am not able to make this meeting so it is my hope that other Tech Planning members speak on what we are proposing:

- 1.) NJ Policy and Procedure Manual: Update to lock in any changes for two seasons to prevent major changes occurring each year. This directly mirrors the policy of the Eastern Zone Technical Planning Committee.
- 2.) There will be two sets of championship qualifying times (Winter & Summer) with separate Short Course Yard, Short Course Meter, and Long Course Meter cuts. Converted times will no longer be used for entry at any NJ Championship meet.
- 3.) A 7 event max will be applied to all NJ Championship Meets with the exception of the proposed NJ 10&U Championship; 8 events (4 per day) will be allowed for that meet only.

Future Proposals for 2018 Champs & Beyond: Total discussion for what Tech Planning has proposed for next year has been long and extensive. As chairman of the committee, I'd like to apologize on not having a formal proposal for this meeting but it seems there is still quite a lot to work on still. It is my hope that we can have the proposal finalized at our next meeting before sharing it with the Board and later with the entire NJ swimming membership.