

SUMMER 2022 AGE GROUP

Time Standard FAQs

State: July 22-24, 2022
Divisionals: July 29-31 2022



What prompted the investigation of Time Standards?

Answer: There has been a decline in the number of athletes qualifying for the AGS meet, especially Long Course AGS. The goal was to boost the number of eligible athletes for the meet.

When was the current calculation of Time Standards adopted?

Answer: The current approach was adopted in the mid-90's

How are Time Standards currently calculated?

Answer: The current approach is to average the past four years of the 32nd placed time from AGS. Time Standards CANNOT get slower...only faster!

Who is responsible for the review of Time Standards?

Answer: The Performance Committee worked on this project over the last year from discussion to conclusion.

When will Time Standards go into effect? Winter '22? Summer '22?

Answer: NO change will occur for the Short Course Winter '22 Time Standards. Time Standards impacted WILL ONLY BE the LCM Summer '22 Time Standards.

How will New Time Standards be evaluated moving forward?

Answer: Following the LCM Summer '22 Championship Season, the Performance Committee will review and make further recommendations over the next two years.

How were New Time Standards calculated?

Answer: We used USA Swimming 2024 National Single Age Time Standards...A or close to A cuts...as a hard reset following reviewing rankings/times from USA Swimming's Time Database.

So, do athletes qualify as Own Age?

Answer: Yes, Own Age is identified as 9&Under, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 per gender as of the first day of the meet.

Will athletes compete in current age-groups?

Answer: Yes, the ONLY change occurs in the qualification. Competition and Awards will still remain unchanged.

How were the 9&Under Times Calculated?

Answer: Using the current 10&Under Time Standards and the pattern of drop-in time from one cut to another. Such as AAA to AA to A pattern.

Did all Time Standards change?

Answer: NO, due to maintaining same cut standards from age group to age group and gender then some Time Standards defaulted to the current Time Standards.

Is it fair to say this approach is intended to be a creative and innovative opportunity to incorporate Single-Age Time Standards?

Answer: Yes, we could not agree more and believe this has potential to establish new protocol moving into the future.

What are the potential benefits of using the new Time Standards?

Answer:

1. Will provide opportunity to fill 4 full heats at AGS.
2. Single Age creates a better progression of time cuts.
3. Developmentally more appropriate.
4. Creates balance between Age Groups and gender.
5. Potential to increase athlete retention during the “age-up” years.

Will these Time Standards have a negative impact upon the Divisional Meets?

Answer: NO, LCM Time Standards for the Divisional Meets were adjusted as well.

So, there will be two sets of Time Standards?

Answer: Yes, the new time standards are ONLY for the LCM Summer '22 Championship Meets.